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THE FIRST CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

- 1. "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
- 2. "Saying, Where is he that is born king of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
- 9. " \* and, lo. the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

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10. "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11. "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and wershipped him: and when they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and wershipped him: and when they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and wershipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

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of ignorance. Woe to the man who becomes old withou

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Opportunity is ware and a wise man will never let it get by him.

The errors of faith are better than the best thoughts of unbelief. Fretfulness of temper usually characterize those who are negligent of order.

Love holds us close to food;

We cannot go

Far in the paths that sin was trod

If love we know. It is easy to look down on others; to look down on ourselves is the difficulty.

It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men angels.

There is a deity within us who breathes that divine fire by which we are animated.

Industry keeps the body healthy, the mind clear, the heart whole and the purse full. Generosity is a rule imposed by reason which should be the sovereign law of a rational being.

The great thing in the world is not so much here we are, as in what direction are we

He that would fight the devil with his own weapons must not wonder if he finds himself overmatched.

A mighty pain to love it is, And tis a pain that pain to miss: But of all pains the greatest pain It is to love and love in vain. Coroley

Heaven's gates are not so highly arched as princes' palaces; they that enter there must go upon their knees.

Fortune is ever seen accompanying industry, and is as often seen trundling a wheelbarrow as lolling in a carriage.

Wherever you find patience, fidelity, honor, kindness, truth, there you find respectability, however obscure and lowly men may be. A preacher should have the skill to teach the unlearned simply, roundly, plainly; for teaching is of more importance than exhorting.

It is no good reason for a man's religion that he was born and brought up in it, for then a heathen would have as much reason to be a heathen as a Christian a Christian.

# Little Prudy's Dotty Dimple

By Sophie May

looks nost in it. She dresses Zip in a water-proof cloak and they steal out by the side door. Several of the girls see the quaint figure, with the dog dressed up and are amused. Susle discovers it is botty, Florence Esatman thinks she must be tired and asks her to sit down. Dotty refuses pity.

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OW shall we ever get her home?"
thought the two older sisters, in
alarm; for they saw by the motion of Dotty's elbows that she
had made up her mind to queen
it over the whole company.
Dotty," said Prudy, going up to
g her; 'did mother say you might

Look here, Dotty," said Prudy, going up to r, and kissing her; "did mother say you might me, darling?" Dotty rubbed off the kiss, and made no an-

Don't you think 'twould be a nice plan." Spered Prudy, "for me and Susy to draw you he in a little carriage? And I'll ask mother to

orgive you."
O, yes," said Susy, in an agony of mortifica-

tion; "now do."

Dotty looked as unmoved as one of the stone lions, and took no notice of the request.

"What made they put two trees 'side that one tree?" asked she, by way of changing the sub-

low, Dotty, you will go, that's a little love, Susy, wringing her hands. "Only think, i don't you'll lose five kisses tonight, and say mamma will punish you, too."

## Two More Wheel Chairs in November 42 is COMFORT'S Record in 18 Months

W. H. GANNETT, FUBLISHER OF COMPORT.

P. S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me explain, that for each and every 250 tew one-year subscriptions to COMFORT sent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL-CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to hey are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL-CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premium to his highest would be entitled, I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID'S WHEEL CHAIR to some worthy, described Shut-in and I pay the freight, too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to tute, crippled Shut-in and I pay the freight, too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to tute, crippled Shut-in and I pay the freight, too.

you do yours.

The two letters following, which are all I have space for in this issue, show how much good COMFORT'S Wheel Chairs are doing and ought to touch the hearts of all.

Says Her COMFORT Wheel Chair is a live in, if there were more in it like you. God bless, you all. Gratefully your afflicted friend, MRS. M. C. FEANKLIN.

Great Treat and Blessing and It

Came None too Soon

GOMFORT'S Wheel Chair Affords a World

GRAND CANE, LA.

B UNCLE CHARLIE:

have had my wheel chair a week and it is a
t treat and a blessing. Everyone that has seen
dmires it. They call it Auntie's buggy and say
has visit them in it. it came none too soon; as

of Delight to a Helpless Cripple

"There's a man goin' by—old all over, and a white whisker. Who is it?" inquired Dotty, changing the subject again. "The whisker looks like snow, 's if his chin's cold!"
"Never mind the man," returned Prudy. "If you'll go I'll spend my five cents, and buy you some pep mints."
"I'd rather have pickled limes," said Dotty thoughtfully.
"So you shall," cried eager Susy; "and you'll be the sweetest little pet, and ride home like a lady."
"So I will," said Dotty, serenely, "when I've

be the sweetest little pet, and rule home like a lady."
"So I will," said Dotty, serenely, "when I've had my supper."
Susy's face fell. If the little piece of obstinacy would stay, she would; and Mrs. Harlow politely declared they should all be delighted. But how would she behave at the table? Her manners were as yet unformed; she needed line upon line and precept upon precept. It was dreadful to think of her taking supper at one of the nicest houses in the city, in that dress, and without her watchful mother too! It was a severe trial to Susy. Prudy was also distressed, but her "sky-like spirit" brightened again speedily.

he little girls all crowded about Dotty, begher to join their games; but she said it
d'hurt her big bonnet," which she could
be persuaded to take off, because she fancied
dded something to her importance.
anny Harlow brought out a picture book
the little runaway.
I'm afraid she'll tear it," said careful Prudy,
botty looked at her sister with a withering
once, and, in her aggerness to prove that she
w how to handle books, suddenly tore one of
leaves. She was surprised and mortified;
her self-esteem was not easily crushed.

all the girls. Next day by being tied to the bed

THE LITTLY TEACHER.

At last Dotty's "reasons" did begin to grow er mother was too wise and kind to arlow er to have her own naughty way; and by the me she was four years old she had very rew temper days," and seemed to be growing quite

sure mother feels mortified." thought "but she holds up her head, and tries to e best of it. Ill not say a word to any it I mean to teach my little sister my Wednesday afternoon, when Susy was dy called Dotty into the nursery, and

want me of?" asked the child.
tell you something nice. "Don't
knew your A. B. C's, darling?
what it is."
her head three or four times, and

rpet.

e. you oughtn't to do so en a question is asked learn your letters, like a an read the nice books

and speak."

t to be polite, and speak, nor

learn my letters, like a goody

replied Dotty, selzing the kitty, g her in a shawl.
Dimple!" said Prudy, in a tone of
s; "how old you're getting to be,

four years old, and I weigh four pounds,"
ed Dotty, drawing out her little cab, and
ng the muffied kitty into it, as if she
en a roll of cloth.
my stars, Dotty, I can't bear to have
lk so."

had been a foll of cloth.

"O, my stars, botty, I can't bear to have you talk so."

Dotty tucked in the kitty's tall, and drew the carriage about the room, to give "Pusheen" an airing. "Pusheen" was her kitty's name in Irish.

"You can't think how dreadful it is, botty, to grow up and not know anything!"

Dotty turned a short corner. Pusheen had a fall: down came the fittle cab, kitty and all. "To grow up and not know anything." continued Prudy. "O, it's enough to break anythody's heart!"

"Be you goin' to cry?" said Dotty, in a soft voice, kneeling, and peeping up into Prudy's eyes, with some curiosity.

Prudy was obliged to smile but hid her face in the sofa-pilfow, and hoped botty did not see her. She found she must hit upon some other len. Dotty could not be made to feel the terrors of growing up a durce.

"Now, kittle sister," said she, "if you'll let me be your teacher, and keep school here in the nursery."

"O, hum! A little gell keep school would you send me to the bottom of the foot?"

"O, no! I'll do something for you let's me see!"

"Well, what?" cried Dotty, her eyes sparkling

Well, what?" cried Dotty, her eyes sparkling like blue gems; "what'll you do for me, Prudy?" Prudy thought a minute. Meanwhile the nuffled kitty slowly freed herself from the shawl, and shyly leaped to the top of the bureau, out of reach of her little-mistress.
"O, Prudy," said Dotty, dancing about; "do something quick."
"Listen, dear! Will you promise to learn to

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it now and make sure of it and of

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for 1910 elsewhere described, which will be sent as a boliday present to all who subscribe or renew or extend their subscriptions before the first day of January.

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BUFF ENVELOPE FOLDER SUBSCRIPTION BLANKS

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# Down the Back Stairway of Time

Dear Friends:

back stairway of time," and then it will be to treat all my cherished old subscribers with a merry crew.

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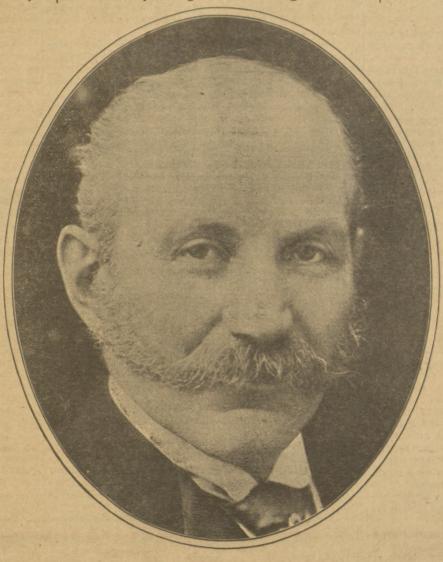
But just think,—I offer it now, for the last time, and to old subscribers only, for just half that rate.

New Year's Day will soon be here; that day of new and good resolutions and of regrets for past slips and

letting this golden opportunity slip.

if they have not already renewed.

COMFORT for only a quarter of a dollar. subscriptions expire within the next twelve soul from destruction in the quicksands of "There's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip." months the privilege of extending their sub-



you already have to regret for 1909, by send in a quarter for that purpose, now, of leaves of the calendar pad. this present December.

Those who received the buff envelope folder It takes in and is equally advantageous to subscription blank in October are up against all present subscribers who subscribed during renewed a year or more ago.

It is of almost equal importance to the many | All aboard now for a two-years voyage in The year 1909 soon will have glided, "like thousands whose subscriptions will expire the good ship COMFORT down the stream tenants that quit without warning, down the within the next few months, because, in order of life, with a safe pilot, a jolly skipper and

too late to secure twenty-four months of impartial fairness, I offer all those whose COMFORT has helped rescue many a poor

How I wish I possessed the power attributed to old Santa Claus of being able to be everywhere at once, so that I might drop into your homes with him on Christmas, but as I can't, this letter with the copy of my latest photograph must answer the purpose of a personal greeting, and I hope that it may make us better acquainted and strengthen our bonds of mutual sympathy, and that this number of COMFORT, breathing the Christmas spirit from its inspiring title page to its beautiful Christmas story, may make your Christmas more cheery and help you to a higher ideal of its observance.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and many happy New Years in which I hope to serve you as

> Your publisher and friend, W. H. GANNETT.

P. S. I ought not to close without speaking a word about the holiday present which I have gotten up for you at great expense. It is the loveliest, daintiest thing you ever saw to decorate your home, COM-FORT'S 1910 Calendar, nearly nine inches long by five and one-half wide, with beautiful picture lithographed in ten colors from original painting designed and executed to order; has condensed almanac,

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# Few Words by the Editor

HE man who year after year writes the editorial talks for a magazine or newspaper, is liable to get tired of retailing the same time-worn platitudes, as the various holidays roll around the annual circle of time. It is very different, however, when one approaches the mass season. The man who loses his interest, and falls to be enthused over the subject of Christmas is not worthy the need of his people, and sent the Great Physician to heal their wounds, for man's extremity is ever God's opportunity. Man needed those soul qualities which alone can ennoble and the red blood courses swifter, and the eye is illumined a new light, while the mind at once begins to teem with a and joyous thoughts, thoughts that center round the Professor Elliot talks of a new religion, a religion of the death, while the mean to make a Roman holiday. On the frescoes and inscriptions discovered in the excavated ruins of Pompeii, one can see to what depths of degradation, sin and shame a world of culture, a Godless, of the excavated ruins of Pompeii, one can see to what depths of degradation, sin and shame a world of culture, a Godless, of the excavated ruins of competitions discovered in the excavated ruins of Pompeii, one can see to what depths of degradation, sin and shame a world of culture, a Godless, of the excavated ruins of competitions discovered in the excavated ruins of countries. Competer possesses a happy faculty, apparently lack-rounds and inscriptions discovered in the care and devoted friends, members of one big family. Competer reaches the heart, and appeals to the masses of the masses of the excavated ruins of culture, a Godless, of the excavated ruins of culture, a Godless, of the masses of the people, because it is in sympathy with them, and the very season of the people, because it is in sympathy with them, and the recommendation of the people, because it is in sympathy with them in the old religions, and their temples had become mere whited sepulchers. Society of the people, because it is in sympathy with them in gin It is very different, however, when one approaches the Christmas season. The man who loses his interest, and falls to become enthused over the subject of Christmas is not worthy of the name of man. One has only to mention that name, fraught with precious and holy memories, and the heart beats faster, the red blood courses swifter, and the eye is illumined with a new light, while the mind at once begins to teem with a thousand joyous thoughts, thoughts that center round the fireside of the old home in the days of yore, thoughts of happiness, pleasure, contentment and delight. No matter if we lived to be a million years of age, and the things of the world had grown stale and unprofitable, Christmas would cause every fiber in our being to thrill with joy, and make us young again.

Blessed be God for his unspeakable gift, the gift of Christmas, which is the one day in all the year when man approaches nearest to the ideal that the Creator has set for him to attain. At Christmas time all the world is young again, and it is good for us all that we should become children sometimes, and Christmas day is the best day of all for a national rejuvenation, for it was on that day that its founder, Christ himself, saw the light of day upon this earth. Shakespeare says: "This day shall change all griefs and quarrels into love." Happily indeed has the immortal bard voiced the sentiment which stirs all humanity at this festive season of the year.

The inspiration of Christmas comes not from the festal board, or the jingling bells of Santa Claus' gift-laden sleigh, swiftly moving over the snow-white earth. The inspiration of Christmas comes only from that lowly manger of Bethlehem, where was born the Savior, Christ the Lord.

Christ came when the world needed him most, for two thousand years ago, the earth had reached the very climax of thousand years ago, the earth and reached the very climax of sin and rottenness. This was called the "golden age", the age of the earth's greatest culture, and here if proof were needed, there is ample evidence that earthly culture without spirituality is utterly insufficient to keep man from wallowing hog-like in the slough of his own bestiality. Though Virgil and Livy were writing with golden pens, and Horace was singing his masterly odes, the court of Cæsar and the people were feasting in luxury and reveling in licentiousness. Crime, carnality and gluttony were rampant. At one exhibition given by Cæsar in the amphi-

wounds, for man's extremity is ever God's opportunity.

Man needed those soul qualities which alone can ennoble and thus God, through his Son, bountifully gave to the world that nen might be men, and not mere cultured satyrs.

Professor Elliot talks of a new religion, a religion of ove and brotherhood, truly beautiful; but in this religion, the leity is scarcely mentioned and Christ is entirely left out. Ian is weak and must have stronger fare than this. God knew his and sent his son to be born of woman in the lowly manger onnecting link between the server of saw we would have them do to us. Not only do we try to entertain, amuse, instruct, cheer and comfort, but we also try by every means in our power to help the sick, and take our weaker brother by the hand and lead him from the paths of sympathetic souls on the lonely cots of suffering men and women, we have been able to accomplish endless good for hundreds of needy souls.

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Man is weak and must have stronger fare than this. God knew this and sent his son to be born of woman in the lowly manger of Bethlehem, and to be henceforth and forevermore, the divine connecting link between the earth and its Creator, the Father and his children—the Rock of Ages to which man can cling when his heart is heavy laden, and the dark waters of death surge round about his faltering feet.

A code of morals and a set of rules are splendid things in their way, but when a man is facing the valley of the shadows, and draws near the rim of eternity, pink tea creeds and the vaporings of the benevolent and erudite exponents of culture, are but poor things to lean upon in that stupendous moment. It is then one listens eagerly for that voice which has never failed to waft its way o'er the silent stream of death and reach the ears of the dying Christian, and hearten him to face the grim reaper with courage and confidence. "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

dead, yet shall he live."

No, the world needs no new creeds, no new dogmas. What the world needs is a new baptism of faith, a return to those divinely lighted gospel paths o'er which our fathers trod, wending their way o'er rock and crag and mountain torrent, meeting dangers within and without, traveling and battling triumphantly through those periods of storm and stress which tried men's souls, until finally the gates of Paradise swung wide to receive them, and the peace that passeth all understanding was theirs for all eternity. Now is the time as we draw near to Christmas to make a new declaration of faith, a faith that rests on the manger of Bethlehem, and the Cross of Calvary.

And now before your editor writes the last lines of his monthly lines for 1909, let him on behalf of our good publisher, Mr. Gannett, and Comfort's staff, thank you for the hearty support you have rendered us during the present year. Your enthusiastic, and at times, even loving words have filled our hearts with a joyous satisfaction and gratitude, the depths of

You can do no kinder act to any human being than to show them this magazine and induce them to subscribe for it. This little act of kindness you might do for us who endeavor to do so much for you, for our monthly visits of comfort and cheer cost you but a fraction over two cents.

Our prize competition offers you an unequalled opportunity of making money by a very little effort. Though all our friends declare their affection for this magazine and its makers, some each month, either from forgetfulness, or procrastination fail to renew their subscriptions and have to be dropped from our subscription lists. It grieves us to drop an old friend even temporarily, for most of them come back again because they can't do without Comport. But the necessity of gaining new friends and new blood is ever upon us. If each of our readers would bring one new friend into our reading family, Comfort would enter two million homes instead of a million and a quarter, and our sphere of usefulness would be at once doubled. Splendid prizes are given and large sums of money can be earned by those who will assist us in the work of enlarging the sphere of Comport's usefulness. We appeal for your assistance in this great work, and we feel sure we shall not appeal in vain. not appeal in vain.

not appeal in vain.

And now, dear friends, on behalf of our good publisher and staff I wish you all a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. May Santa Claus be liberal with you all and may the message of Christmas tide sink in to all your hearts, and may the star which shone o'er Bethleham ahed its radiance upon you and remind you that Christ was born on Christmas day, and that the angel voices are still singing as of yore to all who care to listen, God's message of love to his children: "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." God bless you all.

Comfort's Editor.

# he First Christmas Presents

Truth and Tradition About the Mysterious Givers

(Bee little page illustration.)

HE giving of presents is the special and character to drive him or his dynasty from the throne. istic feature which distinguishes the celebration of Christmas from that of all other holidays.

little children that have not outgrown their belief in the per- king to restore the glory of Juda and make her queen among sonality and munificent activities of Santa Claus know it, -but nations, and in Herod's time the people were especially anxious do you knew why?

Did you ever stop to consider that there must be some great reason some significant was for the almost universal prevalence of this practice among Christians?

Did you ever wonder how; when and where this time-

mysterious passage of Hold Scripture which describes the inquiring of them the exact time when the guiding star first able quarters provided for him and his mother in a house. offering of the first Christmas presents as illustrated by our in- appeared in order that he might judge as nearly as possible of

the new-born Lord on the first Christmas morn wrapped in where they found him. swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

But the second chapter of St. Matthew, from which the text at the foot of our title page is queted, is the rouly place in the Bible where mention is made of the wise mention the east guided by the star of Bethlehem and bearing coatly presents to the Infant Sector

Open your Bible and mad the whole chapter carefully for it is exceedingly interesting and will enable you the better to understand the wonderful things to which we are about to call attention.

Who were these wise men? Why had they taken the trouble to make the journey from their homes in a far eastern country seeking a new born "King of the Jews", as they called him even in the presence of King Herod, who then reigned in Judea under the authority of the Roman emperor? Why did and most learned in the world at that time. They had traveled they bring him royal presents? Why did they worship him as more than king, as holy, divide? How did they know so far Bactria away and so long in advance, that this event was to happen, and when and where, and the transcendent importance of it?

Most of these interesting questions can be satisfactorily answered. It is one of those beautiful mysteries, the solution of which in the light of modern research, gives historic confirmation of the Bible and strengthens our faith in the miraculous conception and divine nature of Christ.

Bear in mind that these wise men were strangers from a far country who were unfamiliar with the Jews and their traditions, customs and religion, and that the Jews knew as little about these travelers and their language, learning and religion; this accounts for the Bible giving us so little information about them.

They are first mentioned as inquiring in Jerusalem where they naturally expected to find the young heir to the throne a member of the King's household.

hemage; but instead of laughing at them for coming so-far on ment apparently a fool's errand, he and all Jerusalem were so impressed by the carnestness and wonderful learning of these of the star of Bethlehem. strangers that he became alarmed at their predictions, fearing

Everybody knows that much,—yes, even the the general belief that he would appear as a great and powerful for his arrival to deliver them from the yoke of their Roman

The dews are still looking and waiting for the coming of that kind of a Christ, and that is why they have always refused to acknowledge the Lord's ancinted.

honored custom, so appropriate to the sublime event it com-memorates and so beautifully symbolic of the Savior's mission of self-sacrificing benefits assembled all the chief priests and scribes in grand coun-Herod was the more disturbed because, according to The purpose of this article is to impress upon our good cit to give him their best judgment as to where Christ should be expected to be born; and then the crafty rescal sent for the Christ child was but a few days old, but he had been removed in the light of authentic distory and legendary tradition the wise men and had a secret interview with them, and after from the manger in which he was first laid and more comfortthe child age, he directed them to search Bethlehem which, the precious gifts which at so much pains and expense they had Saint Luke tells how the Shepherds, watching their according to the prophesy, was to be made forever famous as brought so far. These were the first Christmas presents and Saint Luke tens now the Shepherus, watching their his birthplace. And pretending equal anxiety to worship at consisted of gold, which was a royal gift; and in token of his ficeks by night, heard from the heavenly host the glorious the Savior's feet, he charged them to return and tell him divinity frankincense and myrrh such as they burned on announcement of the birth of Christ, and went out and found the charged them to return and tell him

But the wise men dreamed that Herod's intentions way after they had discovered Jesus.

BBy this time Herod was so augry as well as alarmed, that in order to make sure of destroying Christ he resorted to happenings, has been lavish in supplying all manner of details, the norribly cruel expedient of killing every child under two many of which are absurd or unreasonable, and we shall menyears of age in Bethlehem and in all the surrounding country; tion only a few. but meantime Jesus had been safely removed to Egypt by Joseph and Mary, his mother.

estitts which followed, were caused by the sensation which the specifies that number. The Germans even go so far as to give innecent inquiries of the wise men in Jerusalem produced.

seven hundred miles or more from their homes in Persia or so for centuries past the Roman Catholic, the Episcopal, the

more than a thousand years before Christ and became the redigion of the great Persian empire of antiquity. It It taught the existence of one God, the creator and ruler of the universe, the immertality of the soul, and that the deeds done on earth their Christmas presents on Epiphany instead of on Christmas would be rewarded or punished as they deserved in the future in strict imitation of the wise men. Their watchwords were purity of word, of thought and of

The Parsees have been unjustly called fire-worshipers and sun-worshipers, but they never were. They merely turned abiding faith which it betokened. toward the sun when they prayed because they regarded it as God's most glorious physical manifestation.

The Parsee priests or magi (from which is derived our his final sacrifice on the cross for humanity. English word magic); were the first to predict coming events by observing the motions of the stars and were the most re- and should be given in the true spirit of Christianity. nowned astrologers in the world.

The Parsee scriptures, written by Zoroaster, prophesied Herod had no baby Prince in his family to accept their the coming of a Messiah much in the manner of the Old Testa-

Now here is the wonder, and here is strange significance

These wise men, who despised the Jews and the Jewish spirit of charity, unselfishness and kindness.

that it portended the birth of a pretender who might grow up religion and would be touth to accept a Jewish Messiah, nevertheless filled with perfect faith undertook this long and thre-The old Testament prophets contaries before had fore some journey, which must have taken them weeks if not told the coming of the Messiah, but in such words as lead to months to have accomplished, seeking the true Christ in Judea, edge of astrology to the spect of the stars, they were certain that the time was at hand and that the event would take place near Jerusalem.

They read, or thought they read, in the sky the horoscope of the Great Messiah whose coming had been predicted in their scripture more than a thousand years before. It seems they read it right.

Was this all a mere coincidence? It seems hardly onable to suppose so

When they found the object of their long quest, the

They worshiped him and then they presented to him

This much we know to a reasonable certainty about the were evil, and so they fooled him by returning home another first Christmas presents, what they signified, who were the givers and why the presents were given.

Legendary tradition, as ever in regard to important

The Bible says wise men without stating the number, while tradition has conveniently fixed upon three; and this is All this excitement, all this commotion and the dire so generally accepted that most people believe that the Bible their names as Kaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, and to say These wise men belonged to the Parsee priesthood, more they were kings; but they were not, they were priests without

Tradition also says that Christ was twelve days old, and Greek, and other Oriental churches have celebrated with special The Parsee religion was founded by Zoroaster in Bactria services the twelfth day after Christmas each year as the anniversary of the giving of the first Christmas presents, and they call the day Epiphany or Little Christmas.

The Italians go a step further in this line by giving

Now take to heart the lesson of the first Christmas presents in the sacrifice that the wise men made in journeying so far to lay such costly gifts at the feet of Jesus and of their

The sacrifice that those gifts cost was symbolic of the great sacrifice that Christ was to make all through his and of

Every Christmas present commemorates these sacrifices

Let each Christmas be a special reminder to us all, and let us not forget it through the year, not only in giving but also in doing all that we can to make the world happier, brighter and better.

Dead indeed is our faith in Christ if we fail to vitalize our daily life with works that manifest the true Christmas

# The Final Answer

## A Romance of the First Thanksgiving

By Hannali Jane Pocker

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING PART. Curry die. who facious deprenament and consecutive the site of the strange. It that of the strange of the state of the strange of t re dies, who fashions they garments, and nurses lek. Summer comes and Comfort discovers a spot sweet herbs grow. Sir Sydney Carteret sur Comfort by his presence and seeks to win her in marriage—to take her back to England as Carteret. His infinence will secure her a carteret with the circle, but Sir Sydney her coasent Christian seps forward and begs a life in which there is no pomp, but an towe. Comfort chooses Sir Sydney, who must seek before the Gavernor. The Fist serving Day arrives, and after the dinner, Sir serving Day arrives, and after the dinner, Sir asks of the Governor the band of his ward an answer is given Christian enters and also for her hand. An indian suddenly appears to the formal serving the serving serving the servi

Sydney sat easily, his knee drawn up be-

good fellow," he peered.
de to love him, and he taught us
his tongue," continued the indian.
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yn people."

own people."
I's eyes tried to read those of Com
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claims to being attractive, he cannot help it if women go mad of love of him," at this the good Governor opened wide his eyes. Such words as these sounded strange in his ears, still resounding with the carnest thanks and praise offerings of the religious tolks of whom he was head.

"Ferhaps not. Being a man not much given over to self admiration, and not possessing such manly charms as you appear to rate highly, I have not experienced much difficulty in preserving myself from such amoyances," returned the Governor dryly; and Sir Sydney saw that he had blundered.

"I know I must appear like a fool as well as a knave to brag in this fashion, but it was simply to explain, to offer a detense against an unjust, false accusation."

Several of the other men in the room, whose names were to be enrolled on the country's history, broke in and expressed themselves as discovered.

# IN @ AROUND The HOME

## CONDUCTED BY MRS. WHEELER WILKINSON

Ch. chain; ch. st. chain stitch; s. c. single crochet; d. c. double crochet (thread over once); tr. c. treble crochet (thread over twice); dtr. double treble crochet (thread over three times); l. c. long crochet; r. st; roll stitch; l. loop; p. picot; r. p. roll picot; sl. st. slip stitch; k. st. knot stitch; sts. stitches; blk. block; sps. spaces; \*stars mean that the directions given between them should be repeated as indicated before proceeding.

Terms Used in Knitting

K. knit plain; o. over; o. 2, over twice; n. narrow 2 stitches together; p. purl, meaning an inversion of stitches; sl. slip a stitch; tog. together; sl. and b., slip and bind; stars and parenthesis indicate

Terms Used in Tatting

D. s. double stitch; p. picot; l. p. long picot; ch. chain; d. k. double knot; pkt. picot and knot together. \* indicates a repetition.

## Cretonne Work

OR all those who have not their list of Christmas gifts complete, and are now naturally anxious to obtain artistic results quickly, and with as little trouble as possible, this new method of fancy work offers ample scope for one's skill and originality. The materials necessary are simple and inexpensive as all that is needed is a little cretonne, some ordinary white curtain netting, of medium mesh, a pair of small sharp scissors and a little strong glue.

From a few remnants of cretonne, showing floral designs in strong coloring, can easily be obtained decorative effects which it would take hours to produce with either needle or brush.

Very desirable and effective sofa pillows, table dovers, bureau scarfs, doilies and numberless other articles can be made in a surprisingly short space of time, so this is work well suited to all who feel that they must accomplish considerable between now and the holidays.

Whether a lining is used or not depends entirely upon the article made. A bureau scarf for in-



SOFA PILLOW.

stance, is much better lined, so begin by first cutting the foundation for this from cambric, sateen or silk, the necessary size. Then select bold, realistic roses the desired shade. Cut out very carefully all the flowers, buds and foliage, and then gum in place on the sateen, being very careful that all the delicate little stems and sharp corners are well glued down and secure.

Bit by bit add to your design by placing here and there a few leaves or a cluster of buds, always taking care to make it as natural and graceful as possible and soon one will have a handsome spray similar, perhaps, to the one shown in our large illustration. Or the decoration may consist of several smaller sprays, arranged with studied carelessness, simply scattered here and there according to one's taste.

To make a complete toilet set, the cushion, two or three small transparent doilies and sachets of various sizes, for drawers, handkerchief and ribbon boxes can all be made in harmonious tones and will be very sweet and dainty.

In doing this work, in all cases where it is necessary to line the articles made, it is better and easier to apply the cut-out cretonne to the foundation rather than the net, then cover with net and the effect obtained will be the same. But otherwise, as in making a table coyer or doilies for a polished table, where it is prettier to dispense with a lining, the designs can be applied directly to the net. To do this, smooth out, but do not stretch the net design. Place it on a piece of smooth board or a table, cover the right side of the cretonne with glue, then lay it face down on the net, and smooth into place, work quickly and before it has a chance to stick to the board take it up and hang up to dry. In putting on the glue, be very careful to have every part covered, but at the stained beyond the edges of the applied design.



net and half outside, and every little ways a small flower can be placed campletely on the outside. flower can be placed campletely on the outside.
This forms a neat, attractive finish, but as the most wear, comes on the edges to prevent peeling off, every part must be secure and well pressed in place to insure their sticking.

Many handsome sofa pillows may be made in this way, but the lining should be in sharp contrast to throw out the beauty of the cretonne color scheme.

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## Calendars for 1910

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From the first day of each new year calenders are constantly in demand in every home and by everyone, so for a little remembrance it is hard to think of anything more needed. In response to our call for ideas A. R. McDaniel submitted this attractive home-made, Good Luck Calendar. Here again pasteboard is the basis. Cut it in the shape of a horseshoe and large enough so that twelve small calendars cut from an almanac can be arranged upon it. Gild the horseshoe and then a rrange the months in rotation.

Across the back in the space paste a piece of white paper, bearing these words in gold, "Good Luck for 1910," and at the top a swastika, finish with gold and white ribbon for hanging.

Another pretty calendar equiring a little more work can be made of four sheets of white paper tied together with a ribbon.

If one cannot paint, from some florist's catalogue or other source can be cut suitable flowers.
For the first sheet for January, February, March, cherry or apple blossoms and below this verse written or lettered with gold paint:

"If feel the sweet, warm sunshine,
The kiss of balmy air.

And know the volume anxing to footstens.

of the circles, overcast all around to within a quarter inch of starting point, put the other circle in opposite end in the same way, this will make an open roll, very handy for collar and cuff buttons, stick pins and other small belongings.

A little above this roll feather stitch down two or three leaves of fianuel for needles. To the outside attach a narrow ribbon as the case is intended to roll up and tie.

## Home-made Trinket Box

From a California sister who has successfully worked out several original ideas, comes this little box which is here illustrated for the benefit of our

nexagon passendard box of convenient size, unld be made with both the top and bottom proing about a quarter of an inch. Cover this tity by pasting paper over it. After drying k out any pretty design with mush melon ds, by sticking them on with either paste or

daisy was the motif used in decorating this



and line throughout with green or other colored silk. If one has not the musk melon seeds, pea beans split in half could be substituted.

## Slate Lamp Screen

This useful little article was suggested by one who loves to wield the brush and can be developed of three five-cent slates and a couple of yards of ribbon. The frame of the slates could be burnt or gilded, while the slate itself offers a splendid surface for oil painting. Flowers, or either a winter scene, allowing the gray of the slate to form the deeper shadows would be pleasing subjects.

When all decorating is finished, bore two holes about an inch and one half from the ends, on each side of the slates, then cover the whole frame and all, with a coat of light colored varnish. When dry, the together with ribbons of a harmonious shade, and one will have a delightful screen to place around either candle or lamp.

## A Many Purpose Bag

This attractive and easily made bag, designed to serve many purposes, is made of figured cretonne and in four sections, all cut alike. First cut paper pattern of one sec-

cherry or apple blossoms and below this verse written or lettered with gold paint:

"I feel the sweet, warm sunshine,
 The kiss of balmy air,
 And know the young spring's footstepe Have made the brown earth fair."

April, May, June, roses:

"I breathe the breath of roses In summer's golden glow."

July, August, September, purple asters or grapes:
 "And hear the reapers singing Adown the autumn row."

October, November, December, mistletoe, holly or pine cones:

"And through the long cold winter When earth lies still and white Still I am waiting, waiting, Till He shall give me light."

Another pretty style for a home-made calendar is in the form of a fan. Twelve pieces are cut of cardboard, each the shape of one division in a fan that will open and shut. The edges can be gilded and a very small, simple flower painted on each



utward turning seams, binding se pieces of muslin or ribbon buttonhole stitch two eye-



BUREAU SCARF.

stick. Just a single blossom or two, as for instance lets in the narrowest part of each section and a violet for April, a daisy fading and a few petals about one inch from each edge and through these flying for July, etc. Tie all together with a rib- run double cord or ribbon.

## Handkerchief Hair Receiver

Here is pictured another of the many ways in which fancy handkerchiefs can be worked up into pretty, useful little articles.

To make a receiver similar to



## Traveling Case

This little gift will give real pleasure, especially to the person who is away from home considerably. Two pieces of ribbon each fifteen inches long and five wide, one thickness of sheet wadding, a little embroidery silk and one yard of narrow ribbon will be needed.

# For Young and Old

Children and elderly people, especially, should be remembered and made happy at this season of the

year.

Do not forget that a woman never outlives her love for pretty things. Grandma will like a dainty cap for her soft white hair, or a pretty bit of some fine lace for her neck. If she is confined to her room there are many things, such as new pictures or individual dishes which will gladden her heart. Perhans a comfortable chair is needed. An old

room there are many things, such as new pictures or individual dishes which will gladden her heart. Perhaps a comfortable chair is needed. An old rocker can be transformed with a little enamel and cushioned into comfort and beauty.

For babies nothing is nicer or more easily made than cloth animals, which can be sewed up on the machine and stuffed with cotton. They are perfectly harmless, unbreakable and durable. Tabby cats, dogs, elephants and other animals will afford a little one endless amusement.

A reader and an old contributor to these pages suggests making a sofa pillow for a man's own use. Such a gift will surely find the way to his heart, for men do not want a fancy pillow, too good to be touched or used, but one they can put their feet on if they want to, therefore one made of washable crash or brown holland with a monogram in one corner, to give the personal touch, will meet all requirements and it is safe to say John will thoroughly enjoy it and bless the giver.

The same writer, Mrs. H. L. Miller, mentions a new way of utilizing scraps of insertion, edging and bits of all-over embroidery. She took a square of green chambray and fastened on such odds and ends, completely covering it, then covered the joinings by faggoting orbriar stitching with green silkateen. A lace ruffle over green chambray finished the edge of this unique and undoubtedly pretty pillow cover.

Another good suggestion from the same source, is to cover heavy twine or clothes line with strips of silk, and then braid three together if a heavy cord is needed for a sofa pillow or any other purpose.

Two pieces of ribbon each fifteen inches long and five wide, one thickness of sheet wadding, a little embroidery silk and one yard of narrow ribbon will be needed.

For the outside select any pretty figured ribbon and for the lining plain. Cut from both ribbons two and a quarter inches, which use to cover two back in one end of each side of the cover and two in each end of the box. These should two pleces of ribbon, cross these as two and a quarter inches, which use to cover two labels. Take off the cover and two in each end of the box. These should two pleces of the narrow ribbon, cross these as two and a quarter inches, which use to cover two cover and two in each end of the box. These should be placed just opposite each other so that after the box and cover is varnished and dried, ribbon can be run through and tied to form hinges. A loop can be run through and tied to form hinges. A loop can be run through and tied to form hinges. A loop can be run through and tied to form hinges. A loop can be run through and tied to form hinges. A loop can be run through and tied to form hinges. A loop can be run through and tied to form hinges. A loop can be run through and tied to form hinges. A loop can be run through and tied to form hinges. A loop can be run through and tied to form hinges. A loop can be put on each side of the cover and two in each end of the wider ribbon on each corner and run a piece across the center of the outside.

Now place the cover and two in each end of the box. These should be and two in each end of the cover and run a piece across the center of the cover and two in each end of the cover and two in eac

## A Useful Bag

This useful little bag may be made of silk, mus-lin or any preferred material and is just a square folded once forming an oblong. As illustrated, a



A USEFUL BAG.

## Woman's Companion

A little ribbon and a few rings, it is safe to say cannot be made up into anything which will serve a needle-worker better than the little article here shown in this illustration.

One and one half yards of No. 2 ribbon, one piece of baby ribbon, twelve inches of ribbon two inches wide, seventy-five brass rings, one glove mender, one thimble, one paper of needles, a pair of small soissors and a ribbon runner are the necessaries required.

Begin by sewing one end of No. 2 width ribbon to an

with a bow of the baby ribbon.

Next use the widest ribbon for covering a little needlebook, an inch and a quarter by two inches in size. Three inches of this same ribbon will be needed to make a thimble bag, using the baby ribbon for drawing strings. Allow a yard and a half of the baby ribbon for attaching the scissors, needlebook, etc., divide the remainder into equal parts and make up four full rosettes to be placed as shown on the chain.

The person receivies such

"This bit of lace,
Though very thin,
Hides laughing eye
And dimpled chin."

Such a case will prove a real comfort to the wner, for veils are apt to be mislaid unless one as a special place for them.

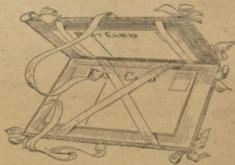
## Post-card Case

A simple, ornamental and also useful little gift, sure to delight any post-card collector, is next illustrated, for which we are indebted to Mrs. Lida M. Dearborn.

Two tablet backs, or pasteboard measuring five by eight inches, one quarter yard of velvet, the same amount of silk, three yards No. 3 ribbon and two yards No. 2 ribbon will be needed.

Cover each pasteboard with a layer of scented cotton, then on what will be the inside cover with silk, holding it in place by running threads across the back from side to side and end to end.

Cut the velvet just a trifle larger than needed, turn in all the edges, fasten in place, then overcast along the edges the silk and velvet together.



POST-CARD CASE.



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is all I can tuck into my room. With whits left after getting something to eat I'll buy holly and trim the room, and I'll have a Christmas there's no, one like you so he tree, yes, I will, Old Girl, and you need not in the middle of the table, and hold a trinker for every one, blessed be the five-cent stores. We feel better already, don't we?"

The second the made herself happy by preparing souvenires, she made herself happy by preparing souvenires, and drawing place cards, gay afterssing the tree, and drawing place cards, gay shows on face had lighted with pleasure as shows and how gird she would be to have a share in the frolic, and suggested to Peggy that the dining-room sever a copied from various sources. Mrs. Schmidt who has the delications of the folic, and suggested to Peggy that the dining-room sever cards, gay the first figures copied from various sources. Mrs. Schmidt who has the delications as the second of the face of the first figures copied from various sources. Mrs. Schmidt who has the delication as the second of the face of the face of the first figures copied from various sources. Mrs. Schmidt who has the delications as the second of the face of

table and was banked in greenery at its base. When Peggy went down in the morning to give the finishing touches she was delighted to find a new-old meaning to the day in place of the desolation she had expected. There on the table were a dozen small cakes with fancy frosting and Merry Christmas written on each with white.

"For the tree," she explained. "They'll look pretty."

"So they do," said Peggy, "and they'll tastes them this morning."

"And I made a few little things last night—and incoming and incom

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## LITTLE PRUDY'S DOTTY DIMPLE

"We've got the dining-room decked with holly, He's my man this day."

Club Raisers Awake and Harken to This

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And they will also count in the great subscription prize competition for December, if you mail the mail price you do them a favor and help yourself at the same time.

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read if I'll tell you a story about every single letter there is on your blocks?'

"How long a story? As long as this room? Yes, I'll prominge" cried botty, with a gleeful faugh. "Go get the stories, and tell 'em this minute we'll begin," said Prudy, no less delighted, pouring the blocks out of the box upon the floor. "I'll ring the little tea bell, and call the school to order. The school means you, and you must walk in and take your seat."

"Yes, if you'll let me sit in the rocking-chair!"

"On but that is mine because I'm the teacher."

"Then I'm goin' off into the kitchen," said botty, loftly, "and I don't know as I'll come back. I won't prominge."

"O. take the rocking-chair!" replied Prudy quickly. "I'll sit on the ottoman; it's just as good. Glad you spoke of it, Dotty; twouldn't be proper for the teacher to rock. Hark! now I tingle the bell. School's begun!"

Dotty walked along, and very demurely seated herself in the big chair.

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mph of right over wrong, love over hate, crosity and helpfulness over greed, and it dis too for brotherhood among men, and God's herhood over all. Hang on to Christmas, love herhood over all. Hang on to Christmas, love and rejoice in it.

he way to be truly happy on Christmas day on make others happy. Our delightful Christstory is a beautiful example. You boys to go and spend twenty dollars on your best, and forget mother and sister entirely. Don't tar and make yourself foolish at Christmas-by giving costly presents. Don't put Santa as ahead of Christ. The jolly-old man with white whiskers is all very well in his place, the Christ Child is the one figure around ch all Christmas joys and all Yule-tide upths should revolve, and not Santa Claus, and make happy, as many as you can on istmas day. Don't lavish all your love on one. common sense as well as your heart into r giving, and remember the only way to be py is to make others happy.

OMFORT'S League of Cousins has grown and amplished much in the year now drawing a close. But new blood does not come into League as fast as it should do. Comfort is into a million and a quarter homes, and is by six millions of people, and this League ht to grow at the rate of at least fifty thould a year, but it doesn't. I want you all, not to read and enjoy this department but to it in and be one of us. It only means adding the rou-have joined once you don't need to again—once a member always a member. bably the reason you do not join faster is best no premiums are given to those who join C. L. O. C. The cost of running this department but to read and enjoy this department but to again—once a member always a member. bably the reason you do not join faster is best no premiums are given to those who join care, the process of running this department but the end of the question, owe can give away scores where we now can yive away one. Let each of you, on your heav, as a thank offering send in one subption, either your own, or a friend's to be need to the wheel-chair club. We have ove

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Twenty Years.
The Franciscan Sisters, St. Rose Convent, Lacrosse, Wisconsin.
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that enter it. Too bad Uncle Sam let the Pablo herd of buffan go to Canada. I am wondering how the national bison range will be stocked, now that the Canucks have appropriated it. I was in Montana when Kalispeli was born, and I'm sorry to hear that it is morally lopsided.



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Address all letters for this department to Mrs. WHERELER

Address all letters for this department to Mrs. WHEELER WILKINGON, care COMPORT, Augusta, Maine.

E have reached the closing days of another year so a Merry, Merry Christmas, and a downright happy one, to each one of our big Compour family who is with us now, and to stay another yerr. Also to each of the small, and we are glad to say phenomenally small, number who leave at the close of the year without a word of explanation, even as a wayfarer drifts from home ties, and beyond the sound of his mother's voice, apparently indifferent.

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terested and loyal or not. Each may take or 200 NOVEMBER CASH PRIZES about to be paid. Enter now for DECEMBER PRIZES. Your fault if you don't win one. leave what is offered as they like, without a word and this makes the effort to piease doubly hard. So between those who have been readers for a year or years, and newcomers recruited in their places, the old friends are preferred every time, for their needs and preferences have been so studied we feel somewhat acquainted with them. And though each newcomer is welcomed with rejoicing and the promise of the eyest service possible, the loyal adherence of the o studied we feel somewhat acquainted em. And though each newcomer is wel-with rejoicing and the promise of the vice possible, the loyal adherence of the driends who are with us year after year service has been rendered, and that Commessage has not missed its mark. ditors, must of course say good by to a few readers each year. ve do not want to, and where Comfort m good service feel that it has also, at arned one sentence explaining wherein it ave helped more. It not seem so? However, though a few the this silent way, the family steadily even through the hot summer months, very this magazine.

fancy work line these new things are all practical and homey, within the reach of all all practical and homey, within the reach of all —"real comfort things" as one enthusiastic reader puts it in praising October's offering of fancy work. Do not miss one of the coming numbers by forgetting to renew your subscription and at the same time why not add to someone's else happiness each month throughout the coming year. The small sum needed could not be spent to better advantage. Surely Comfort's record of past achievements is ample guaranty of its future helpfulness. Now when we are all planning on giving rather than receiving will not someone remember Lillie L. Glandown, Black Mountain, N. C., that she, too, may have a bright Christmas. From her pathetic letter I quote the following:

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"God bless you dear ones for the good you are doing; how often have a lwished I might help, but have no way to do so only by my prayers, and daily they go out to the Father for his blessing on your work. I live way back in the mountains with my husband and four little children. Almost anything would be acceptable, letters and reading are an especially welcome treat.

table, letters and reading are an especially welcome treat.

Mrs. M. B. Powell, Eden Mills, Vt., a lonely, aged widow is another who calls on the sisters for good reading, letters and anything in the fancy work line, with which to employ her fime. Though we cannot do much perhaps, let us each make an extra effort at this season to remember the above and also others mentioned in these columns. Think of the little ones and those whom others will not be so likely to remember. Think of the young mother who two thousand years ago had nothing to give her first-born babe but mother love, and let us all do what we can. How the memory of Christmas eves of our childhood days stands out clear and bright across the stretch of passed years. Christmas at the old home, with all the members of the family gathered about the laden table, beside the cheerful hearth, and that wonderful gifts and gleaming tapers. Oh! the joy of it all, and oh, to be a child again and sit in the yule logs' glow, listening to the creaking and cracking of the fire, and the old, old story. Was there ever any other

This plan I think a good one and I am sure much more would be done if every good impulse will carried out. Perhaps the feeling of a little personal responsibility in the matter would help. There are many who lead lonely lives, so suppose a beginning in working in this way is made by Pennsylvania sisters, remembering Emma S. Batdorf, Pine Grove, R. D. 3, Pa.

Mrs. E. M. Powers, Brayton, Iowa, would like to hear from Mrs. J. M. Hodgson, whose letter appeared in July number. Mrs. M. Hernandez, Orcutt, Cal., would also like to hear from Elia Tilden.

Mrs. Mallet sends the following letter from Miss Emrich which she wishes to share with COMFORT readers:

A medium once asked a Baptist minister how his religion compared with hers and he replied: "Dear Madame: Eventually they will all amount to one and the same thing, for they all point to the upward climb." Is this not the right feeling and especially the Christmas spirit?

As there is a growing interest in neychic matters, we insert the following for interested readers from Maine to California:

We find the general trend of thought is gradu we find the general trend of thought is gradually changing in the pulpit. as elsewhere, and though the church may be weak and wrong in many points, yet to it this fine old country owes everything; let us all always remember that nothing can be added to the teachings of Jesus Cl. rist.

In these columns no ban is placed on the ex-

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As it is the time of year for curing meat, I will tell on a sure way. I know some of the sisters will sy, "that isn't in my line of business." for that is half I thought when a very dear friend said to me one my: "Lillie, why don't you sait the meat yourself?" at I asked and received her counsel, and have never sta a pound of meat. Now I always attend to salting, curing it myself, husband does the lifting for me, acing heavy pieces handy. First, I put the meat, are piece at a time, flesh side down on a table, then ab in a large handful of salt and rub hard, until the cet clooks moist, rub in all the salt you can, turn ap piece and treat all parts the same, then put it here it is to stay until it takes the salt, a table stout shelf is best, so that the brine or water can cape. I salt the sides first and hams next. I there it is to stay until it takes the salt, a table to end treat all parts the same, then put it over every portion of the meat, and fill the ends it has a larger of salt where I am going to place is meat, then sprinkle the meat also, be sure to rub it over every portion of the meat, and fill the ends I dripped off and the meat as large hear of black peptral and shoulders where the feet are cut off, the salt, cover thoroughly with cloth to protect from on thing will trouble it, whether you smoke for not.

I, too, would be very lonely here but for my little to the protect from and saltered rand thoroughly rub every porton, then nothing will trouble it, whether you smoke for not.

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I, too, would be very lonely here but for my little or of, and also my home here in the woods. The happlest days of my life have been spent here with my family and the beautiful wild flowers. I love mature and the great out-doors.

I will hold my sweet haby. I should be pleased to hear from some of the mothers, and hoping some of the readers will remember an old subscriber, I remain, MES. LILIAAN LEMMON MOORE, Cords, Howell Co.,

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COMPORT SISTERS:

I have never written to this corner before but think it is time I sent a letter in return for all that I have read in the paper from other sisters. I do not live in such an interesting country as some of you, but I like it as it is home to me, always having lived in Michigan in and near Big Rapids. We live on a farm at present and I like best to live in the country.

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I am the mother of four little boys so the mothers' letters are especially interesting to me.

Mrs. Mahala, Imler, Ind. I am the same age as STARTLINGILLUSTRATED NEW YEAR'S STORY in January COMFORT. You will be sorry to miss it. Avoid the rush by renewing your subscription now, TWENTY FOUR MONTHS FOR 25 cents.

yourself but my four children are all boys. I think like you that women are not responsible for all the men and boys who go astray, though some women will have a great deal to answer for.

For mothers with teething babies try pulverized eggshell mixed with sugar and give as often as you wish. Babies like it and it makes them cut their teeth easily. Will not hurt the youngest child.

MRS. LATINA GILCHRIST, Box 43, Woodville, R. D. 1, Mich.

1. Mich.

Dear Sisters:

I couldn't get along without Comfort and as I have been one of the silent ones for so long thought I'd drop in for a little chat. Our part of the country is somewhat hilly, the soil varies and the climate is delightful, just winter enough to be nice. Our leading crops are corn, wheat, cats, cotton, Kaffir corn and hay. This is also a good stock-raising section. Vegetables and fruit do well, especially peaches.

Women can do well raising chickens for they can get green food all winter, many sow wheat, especially, for them and get eggs all winter. I like the country best and believe in giving children something of their own to care for; for instance a truck patch or a little patch of cotton and teach them how to tend it and see that they do it. Let them sell and collect the money and advise them the best way to spend it. I think all mothers should also teach their girls how to do housework when they are young, then they will be more likely to enjoy it when they grow up, and will be much more competent than if allowed to idle away their time.

their time.

I have three girls and two boys, aged from two and a balf to eleven years and there is plenty to do on our farm. We usually milk from ten to twenty cows, use a separator and bring up the calves on the skimmed milk. Feeding the calves is the children's work and the older ones also do some of the milking, so you see I practice what I preach and am beginning early to work them in.

Fifter years ago I lived in Dedham, Iowa, where I was born; if any old friend is a Compour reader and remembers Mary Cole, please write. Since then I have been in Kansas and Texas, but like here best. Mas. E. D. Smyth, Orlando, R. D. 1, Okla.

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Please remember me and if reply is wanted inclose a stamp for I am poor.

Mrs. M. Myrrs, Tennessee City, Tenn.

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In these columns no ban is placed on the expression of personal opinion, and it is Comfort's policy in catering to all, rather than some particular class which has made this magazine what it is. So though we all cannot indorse everything which appears here, we can be frank and friendly. Letters of all sorts are welcome but please do not become so interested in other things that home affairs are forgotten. Suggestions and advice, bits of personal experience which will be of every-day Leip in the home, are wanted. The following letter is a good example.

Dear Comfort Sisters:

An old, old reader comes again from the billy wild woods. It is an autumn day, and beautiful as all lays are, if we make them so, for in great measure life is what we make it. I have read, with interest, the various mothers' opinious concerning woman's rights and hardly know where I stand.

Many of you I know love flowers, but bow many wonder have among your bouse plants a seedling semon tree? They are not only ornamental, but useful a well. I seldom use any other flavoring for eake. for a layer cake, put one lenf in the tin just before or all sauce or preserves calling for lemon I also put in a few of the leaves. The initial Cactus is an infer the ames on the leaves and they will says are, in the favoring for lemon I also put in a few of the leaves. The initial Cactus is an infer the ames on the leaves and they will says are restored.

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However I doubt if it's any worse than other youthful Western towns. One should not expect too much of juvenile communities. Out of the provides that you have to many the winderness invariably attract the more venture-mount spirits. These gentry find more settled communities entirely too tame for their restless natures and the frontier city provides them winderness invariably attract the more venture-mounties entirely too tame for their restless natures and the frontier city provides them winderness in the provides them winderness in the winderness of their like the winderness of their like the winderness of their like the saloonmen, the tin horn gambiers, bums, loafers and bad men, who prey upon those who with a full purse seek to find in a new land an opportunity foresh fields and pastures new, or get hurt. The thurch, instead of sending its strongest men to the frontier, seems to pick out its weakest. It takes strong men to fight brazen indecency, dealing kinckout blows to sin wherever they find it, instead of making afternoon cails on the millionaire daughters of their rich congregation way back in Boston or New York. I once attended a church convention out West, and heard about thirty ministers speak. Outside of one and an another of their rich congregation way back in Boston or New York. I once attended a church convention out West, and heard shout thirty ministers speak. Outside of one an apable of interesting or holding the attention of a covey of cooling doves. It takes men to interest men, men of ability, men of zeal, enhusiasm and inspiration, men who are as ready to make enemies as they are to gain friends. The body, it might cut a hole in his salary. When battles are to be fought with the devil, we want to be a supplied of the first provided and protect provided and prote

I am eighteen years old, have dark hair, weigh one hundred and nine pounds, and am five feet two inches tall.

Uncle, was you ever in New Mexico? (Were you ever would be more grammatical dear.—Uncle Charlie.) It is certianly a fine country, although it has its drawbacks, same as other countries. If you and the cousins will come out to visiteme next summer, I will have a month-end party and we will go to the coast and the Rocky Mountains. I also live in about one hundred miles of the Rio Grande river. I have lived in New Mexico nearly two years. My native home is Tennessee. Clovis is a hustling little town of thirty-five hundred population and is only two years old. Father was one of the first men that went into business here, he has one of the largest hardware stores and rooming houses here. There are from ten to fifteen residences under construction all the time. There are now thirty large brick buildings here, and two three-story bricks under construction now. Clovis has an eighteen stall concrete round house, cost therty-five thousand dollars, a two-story concrete depot, cost twenty-five thousand, an ice plant, electric light plant, car shops, a Harvey eating house, a coal chute. We also have a fine fire department, and many raffroad improvements. The Sanfa Fe raffroad has built all this in two years, so you see what a thirtying little city it is. This is to be a division point in a short time. Thanking Uncle Charlie for the lovely membership card and button, I think Comport the best paper I ever read. I am your loving nice.

BERTHA W. E. BROWN. (No 29,500.)

Bertha W. E. Brown. (No 29,500.)

Bertha we are always glad to hear from your romantic section of the country. Bertha you say New Mexico is "certianly" a fine country. I've been looking in Billy the Goat's dictionary to try and find out what "certianly" means, but fail to find any record of such a word. Maybe you mean certainly and not cer-ti-an-ly. You tell us t. at you live in about one hundred miles of the Rio Grande River. If that is the case you must be either a fish or a mermaid. To live a hundred miles in a river is certainly a remarkable accomplishment for a young lady, and you must possess amphibious qualities to a remarkable extent. Toby says I possess amphibious qualities with the accent on the fib. The Rio Grande must be a very deep river if you can live in a hundred miles of it. You must be related to the little girl who lived "in six miles of a Baptist Church." I guess you mean within and not in. I am pleased to hear such good reports of Clovis.

Comfort's League of Cousins

(continued from page 7.)

However I doubt if it's any worse than other youthful Western towns. One should not expect too much of juvenile communities. Youth is always boisterous and inclined to throw the conventions overboard. Cities that spring up in the winderness invariably attract the more venture-some spirits. These gentry find more settled communities entirely too tame for their restless natures and the frontier city provides them with an atmosphere more to their liking. The saloon generally precedes the church in the West. After a while civilization, order and decency roll across the prairie in its wake, and the saloonmen, the tin horn gamblers, bums, loafers and bad men, who prey upon those who with a full purse seek to find in a new land an opportunity to invest their little hoards, have to beat it to fresh fields and pastures new, or get hurt. The

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I live in the southwestern part of Virginia, among the hills where the birds sing gayly, the sun shines brightly, the brooks ripple sweetly; where the lanes are cool and shady and the rabbits thick as grass-hoppers in a meadow. Uncle Charlie, did you ever catch a rabbit? I would rather see you chasing one around now than anything I can think of at present. It would be so much fun.

I am twenty-one years old. Have fair complexion, brown hair, brown eyes, height five feet aine inches, and weigh one hundred and thirty-five pounds. Being raised on a farm I can do most all kinds of housework, such as sweeping, washing, ironing and sewing and am good at cooking. I can also milk cows if they won't kick. Can catch a horse when he doesn't run from me; can also harness a horse or saddle one either. I can drive if the horse knows already where he is expected to go and is inclined to do his duty. There, Uncle, are a few of my qualifications. Don't you consider me rather an accomplished gir!?

Dear old Uncle, your great patience inspires me with fresh courage, bright hopes, and higher ideals. Were you ever a teacher in a country school? Some how I have an idea that you would shine well in that position, you are so patient under all sorts of trials.

I shall be glad to hear from the cousins and will try to answer all letters or cards. With much love to Uncle Charlie and my dear cousins, I remain.

Your niece.

Ora ETHEL MCCONNELL. (No. 20,759.)

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ORA ETHEL MCCONNELL. (No. 20,759.)

Ethel, I suppose you'll be surprised to see your letter in print. I have been waiting ever since September, 1908, to find room for it in our columns. I think I have told you many times I get more letters in one month than I can publish in ten years. Ora you ask me if I ever caught a rabbit. I don't think I e'r r did. I have caught a cold, caught a thrashing, caught Hades a good many times, but never caught a rabbit. Once I was accused of catching the measles, but didn't do it. It was the measles that caught me. I am delighted to find you have so many accomplishments. Am delighted to hear you are a good cook for good cooks are scarce. There is nothing that adds so much to the health and happiness of the world as good cooks; there is nothing that causes so much disease and unhappiness as bad cooks. Food spoilers are a bunch of criminals.

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the world as good cooks; there is nothing that causes so much disease and unhappiness as bad cooks. Food spoilers are a bunch of criminals.

You ask if I ever taught in a country school. No, but I attended one and had lots of funton. I don't know how many teachers I was the cause of sending to the batty joint, but I often they always had to very school I ever attended they always had to very school I ever attended they always had to very school I ever attended they always had to very school I ever attended. There was a big map hung up in one of the schools I went to. It was a map of Europe, and was smothered in dust. One day teacher asked me to clean it up, and after working on it for about two hours, she said: "Why do you take so long to clean that map?" I replied, "Do you take so long to clean that map?" I replied, "Do you take thirty, senonds," and such aday if we could explain the meaning of the word disarrange. A complete silence fell over our class of about twenty scholars. Nobody knew. Finally a little tenyear-old Italian boy held up his hand, and said he knew. Then the teacher looked at us scornfully and said: "You American children ought to be ashamed of yourselves to let a little Italian by Row more about your language than your do." We all we had a store that the spean had a store that there is anything in my humble everyday life, that serves any inspiration if there is, I have not lived in vain. God bless you.

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DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I have been working for the shut-ins, whose names appear in Comport, for a long ime. I'll tell you cousins the way I do, I send a quarter (or what I can spare) to some shut-in and when I get their letter of thanks I show it to my friends, and most always they hand me a dime or a quarter and this I send to the one whose letter I have shown. I got three dollars one day for one poor shut-in. Now cousins if I can do this while on crutches, you that have full use of your limbs and are well and strong ought to do better still. Just try and do as I do. I don't have much of my own to give as my papa has spent most all he has trying to get me well, as I am a cipple from spinal trouble, and I know how to feel for those that are worse off than myself. I have only been to school part of two terms. I am cleven years old, and no larger than a child of six, but I can work for the sick and needy even if I am young and all the money I get given me I divide and send half to someone that is poor and sick. I would like to exchange post cards with the cousins, but if I did I'd have to buy a hundred or more cards and that money had better be spent to help someone that needs bread. Love to Uncle and cousins.

Bravo, Karl. You're a good, dear, good-hearted boy. In childhood me.

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to be kicked from pillar to post, treated like a dog, and subjected to every insult. But there is a wide guif between thrift and miserimess, and the love of money for its own sake. The miser gets not one atom of happiness out of life, and he is in fact a curse to the community because he hoards money that ought to be in circulation. As you travel through life live by the way. Those people who think that life is but a mere passage to the grave, a mere funeral procession through a tunnel of gloom want putting in the batty house. I would like to get all these graspy, misely, penurious humans, or rather inhumans, together, and I would like to make them road Karl Shafer's letter, and preach a little sermon on it. I would like to show them that they are missing all that is most beautiful in life, the only thing that is worth while, and that is the blessed privilege and pleasure of making others happy. What joy is there under the canopy of Heaven to equal the joy that a man experiences when he brings home some little present to a hard-working, devoted wife, and who after she has examined the gift, turns to the giver with eyes full of love, appreciation, and happiness, and puts her arms around his neck and expresses her gratitude with a tender, loving kiss, and affectionate embrace. That's life, that's living. Jar loose, you moth-eaten misers, jar loose you miserable tight wads. You can't carry your money to another world, thank God for that Your miserly claws may grip your gold bags and carry them to the brink of the grave, but there you must leave them, while relatives who might have loved you and wanted to love you gather round your dying bedside, and with itching fingers, ready to scatter the money you have hoarded, watch you struggling for breath and long for your death. Let Karl Shafer's example carry its lesson home everyone of you. If Christ came to earth tomorrow he would brush by the gloriously arrayed, doing honor to His name in majestle edifices, and would go into the byways, among the poor and stricken tha

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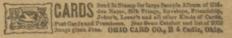
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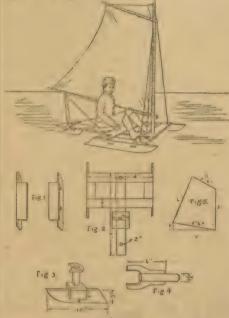
# A Corner for Boys

By Uncle John

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year to you all dear nephews. I can see you skating and sliding and coasting and snowballing and I know without asking that you are having time to make the iceboat described here. It's a dandy and will make your Christmas vacation go by like a song.

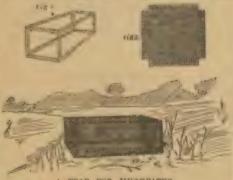
## An Easily Made Ice Boat

For the past few years we have not let the cold season go by without publishing at least one good lee boat plan. This month I have tried hard to evolve a scheme at building that can be utilized by the average boy, whose resources in the way of tools and material are very limited. The front runner of the boat may be made by splitting a low sled and then nailing the two parts together again with four inch cleats as shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2. If you have no small sled you can easily make the runners pictured in Fig. 1. A piece of heavy plank is nailed underneath the fore runner cleats. The plank should be twelve inches wide and five inches long. In about the center of this plank a piece twelve inches square and two inches thick is fastened for a seat, see Fig. 2.



## Traps for Muskrats

I am indebted for the idea of this trap to an Illinois lad who writes me that it was a great success. First make a light wooden frame of about the proportions shown in Fig. 1. The dimensions he used were, length, three inches, width, twenty inches. Over the top, bottom and two long sides he tacked heavy wire cloth or netting of about one quarter inch mesh. A door for each end was also made of screen with a wire



A TRAP FOR MUSKRATES.

running along the outside to stiffen it. The doors hang from the top of each end and are pushed in by the entering rat, closing automatically by virtue of their weight. Bait, is suspe: from the top of the trap. The trap belong the placed at a low bank or partly submerged in the water. I hope you will try this plan and write me if you have any success with it.

## **Hunting Human Heads**

## A Game for Winter

This indoor game will prove a source of plea ure on a long winter evening Two players take part and called innings as in baseball.



An Acrobatic

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## A Guessing Game



Here is one of those delightful little guessing tames that anyone can learn in a few minutes. Frovide your guests with paper and pencils and tell each one to write down all the names, girls' or boys' names, just as he please, that he can think of. When five minutes have gone by collect the papers and examine the lists, using a large dictionary or some other readilable reference work to prove that disputed names are the real thing. Of course if you know some person that has a peculiar mame it is a correct one even if the does not appear in the book. Whoever has the largest correct list gets five boints, the next longest three and the third, one. In case of tie, both players or all players tied receive the same count, five, three or one, as the case may be. Ten initial letters are given and score is kept by the host. The one who scores the most points should receive a prize or at least be given the seat of honor at the table.

\*\*Answer to November\*\*

The diagram shown above makes plain how the mouse got out of prison.

## December Puzzle

The picture shows a number of stockings where they have been hung for the good Saint Nick to fill. Counting from either side to the center



STOCKINGS TO BE FILLED.

and then the two under the dividing line we get seven. Now a tramp purloined one of the stock-ings but left them arranged in such a clever way that they still counted seven in the order

## Problems

Here are three problems that will keep you busy for a while. The correct answers will appear in next month's Comport.

1. Two men start for a certain town. A, who travels 12 miles per day, after traveling 9 days turns back as far as B had traveled in that time. A, then turns and pursues his way toward the town and they both arrive together 18 days from the time they set out. At what rate did B travel?

2. A peddler bought a certain number of toys

A peddler bought a certain number of toys for a cent and as many more at 3 for a and having sold them at the rate of 5 for to found that he had lost 4 cents. How toys hed he?

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Christmas Goodies

Prepare the duck as usual and after stuffing rub it rell with a split onion, then sprinkle with pepper not salt. For the stuffing take hot potatoes and mash hem to a cream with butter, spoonful of cream, white epper and celery salt. Feel, chop and blanch in a to towen three or four tablespoonfuls of chestnuts, add

Fried Chicken Southern Style

are and chop four tart apples, add a cupful ins, one of stale bread crumbs, half a nutred, half teaspoonful of sait and a teaspoonful amon. Beat four eggs till light, add to ve, mix well, cover and boil three hours. Se a hot sauce.

German Christmas Pudding

Seed one cup of raisins and add to one cup of raisins and add to one cup of raisins and to cope of raisins and to cup of the cup

Mock Mince-meat

## Christmas Candies Penuche

Three cups of brown sugar, one cup of milk,

Two cups sugar, two cups shelled peanuts, melt sugar and when golden brown add chopped nuts. Pour into hot buttered pans and set away to cool.

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Cream Dates and Wainuts Put a small ball of cream candy in each date, and between halves of wainuts, powder with sugar.

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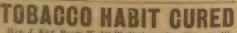




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## Breeding Plymouth Rocks

E all like to see what we call beauty and symmetry in our fowls and other farm animals, but the practical breeder should learn to understand what form of symmetry and the study of the purpose which he has in view. A study of the purpose which he has in view A study of the purpose which he has in view. A study of the purpose which he has in view A study of the purpose which he has in view. A study of the purpose which he has in view A study of the purpose which he has in view. A study of the purpose which he has in view A study of the powers, and that certain forms, colors and proportions become so well fixed that a bird that does not strongly resemble the true type of its breed is rejected from the breeder's list of breeding stock. The breeder having ascertained as much as possible by the study of his animals and possible by the study of his animals and possible by the study of individual conformations and characteristics; and finally, as opportunity offers, studies his breeding animals by their own records and by their offspring, thus coming in due time to know his animals most completely.

The beginner is usually convinced that two perfect-looking creatures of any sort or kind will produce their like, but unfortunately such is not the case. A bird's ancestors have almost more the case. A bird's ancestors have almost more the bird itself. For that reason it is necessary to know the characteristics of the ancestral progenitors of the bird that you desire to cultivate, so that the side of reverted heredity can be recognized at once, and intelligently combated by the next season's mating.

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the quality of color, though almost two shades dark-shafting of brownish tinge or metallic sheen. The light and dark bars to be of nearly equal width, and to extend throughout the length of the feather in all sections of the fowl. (On temales, feathers having narrow, dark tips are preferred.) The combination of overlapping feathers to give the plumage a bluish appearance. F. L. Sewall, a poultry artist of acknowledged authority, in a very extensive discussion of the color of the Barred Plymouth Rocks, says:

Color of the Male

Beak, red, born color or yellow; eyes, red; face, bright red; combs, wattles and ear-lobes, neck, red, processing the colors.

## "Parallel Bars should be Straight as Possible"

## The Color of the Tip

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Until the latest revision of the Standard of Perfection, no mention was made of color of the in either Dominiques, Plymouth Rocks, or Dominique Leghorns. This point, which has so much to do with the general effect and surface color, has for several years past received considerable attention, and all and lassi shows has been critically judged. Strange to say, in the latest Standard no mention of preference for this finishing touch on males is made; only is it described for females. Truly it would be a poor mating that did not match in this respect.

Early in the '90's particular attention was called to the very pleasing effect of continuous bands of color caused by the straight bars of the best-bred birds matching in a way to produce the effect of rings of color around the body or across portions of sections. The attempt to produce this "ringy" effect upon as many sections as possible, since it became the fashion, has proven not only fascinating to breeder and fancier, but is establishing a trade-mark upon the highest standard-bred Exhibition Barred Plymouth Rocks that are of common value for fine show birds.

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# AN UNWILLING BRIDE Or, The Heart's Rebellion

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

CHAPTER II. (CONTINUED.)

By Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth

"Something of that I heard from her, lady, when I first proposed to her to come home. But she was very weak, and her thoughts very tamble the way to the little private parlor, the door of which he opened to let the visitor pass in, and then bowing again, he closed it and retired. And Mrs. Rock found herself in a small, half, and then bewing again, he closed it and retired and the bewing again, he closed it and retired. The same than the proposed to her to come home. The she was very weak, and her thoughts very tamble to side. Clemence gave her hand, and tenderly supported her to the bedroom. Then she it was she! But oh, so changed! So wan and transparent with such blue shadows in the hollows of her eyes and temples and cheeks—with the weight of their long, sweeping to wish to know—indeed I had supposed that you were acquainted the weight of their long, sweeping with the weight of their long, sweeping with the weight of their long, sweeping with the weight of their long, sweeping to make the weight of their long, sweeping to make the weight of their long, sweeping with the weight of their long, sweeping to make the weight of the free and astonishment. It was no common, human sorrow or bereavement, no ordinary visitation of God, no death, even of the grief, the condition of God, no death, even of the proposed that you were acquainted that the runcle discomed to sweep with the weight of the proposed to the first proposed to the first proposed the to the death of the way to the proposed the proposed the to side. Clemence gave her hand, and tenderly supported to the first proposed to the little parlor, when I first proposed the to do the proposed the to side. Clemence gave her hand, and tenderly supported to the first proposed to see the head.

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CHAPTER III.

"Amy, dearest Amy!" said Mrs. Rock going to

her.
She half arose, and sank speechless into the kind arms opened to receive her. Mrs. Rock held her to her bosom a moment in silence, and then said:
"I got a note from your friend, Miss Moore, saying that you had returned and wished to see me. You have been very ill. Where is your husband, Amy?"
A choking sob was all the answer she could make.

A choking sob was all the distributions where where where is he, Amy? Order'd away somewhere upon some distant service? You will eet him again, dear. But, where is he then?"

She lifted up her head, and uttering—"Dead! dead," dropped it heavily again upon the kind, supporting bosom.

"Dead! when? how?" asked Mrs. Rock in great trouble.

whose care she seemed fully competent to undertake.

This young girl was not above sixteen years of age, yet the most beautiful creature, Mrs. Rock thought that she had ever seen. A richly developing form, softly flushed over with the roseate hue of pure blood, that deepened and brightened to a fine carnation bloom on her cheeks and lips—a rich growth of golden-bronzed hair that rippled in a thousand glittering wavelets over the superb head, and turned into a ringlet wherever a tress escaped the comb that confined it, a pair of fine, dark, clear blue eyes, full of sweetness and candor—an expression of kindness, cheerfulness, confidence, and strength pervading her whole appearance—such was Clemence Moore.

will tell you by and by," and she glanced ny, to intimate that the story must not be in her presence, however insensible she appear to be.

young lady who wrote to me?"

or her husband, from the day they left us until now."

"No, no—good Heavens, no!"

"He fell mortally wounded in a duel with a brother officer. He lingered two days and then died," whispered Clemence, with a shudder.

"How did that happen?" cried Mrs. Rock, in consternation.

Then Clemence told the story of the dark domestic tragedy; how the rare beauty of "Fair Amy" had attracted great admiration among the officers of the regiment; how she had been especially subjected to the offensive attentions of a certain Captain Furnell, until at length her young husband seized and soundly thrashed the culprit. who immediately afterward: challenged his assaillant; how they had met and Lieutenant Brook had fallen. This, in a few words, was

Rock sat in pale and speechless horror. At last she said:

"But how long is it since my poor Amy has been so awfully widowed?" inquired Mrs. Rock. Acarly four months," replied Clemence. "For six weeks succeeding his death she was not able to rise from her bed. I came from school to nurse her. As soon as she was able to sit up, I began to think that it would be better to remove her from the scene of her dreadful sufferings, and to bring her to her own native land among her own friends and relatives, with nothing to remind her of her loss, she might gradually come to look upon the few wretched months of her marriage as a dark dream.

Mrs. Rock listened with the deepest interest, mingled with astonishment, at the young girl—so child-like, yet so womanly.

"And you, my dear child," said she, "you were wailes Brook's sister?"

"No, madame, no kin to him—and yet more than kin—for he loved me, and I loved him more than kin—for he loved me, and I loved him more than anyone else in the world, as I now love his poor young widow. This was the way of it Mrs. Rock. Wailes' father and my mother had both been married before, and we were the children of the first marriage; when Wailes was fourteen years old, and I was seven, our parents were united, and we two grew up together. About two years ago Wailes' father field; my mother would her from the floor. "No, I say! I'll not be both, lead forward and bringing his stick down heavily upon the floor. "No, I say! I'll not be both. I'll we not her for her for her or her troiles. Don't talk to me! I care nothing about them. What should her trials be to me? The precious affair has turned to the would will her trials be to me? The precious affair has turned to the would will her trials be to me? The precious affair has turned to the precious affair has turned to the would, as I expected it would! Only what I care nothing about them. What I would her trials be to me? The precious affair has turned to the would, as I expected it would! Only what I care nothing about them. What I would h

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"Why," said the widow, "the cottage stands just as we left it. The furniture is mine, and Amy is quite welcome to the use of it if her uncle will consent to let her reside there."

"Indeed! I shall not ask him any questions about it," said Mrs. Rock, "and since you are kind enough to let Amy have the use of the furniture, I shall load a van with provisions and send it on in advance, and I shall then go to Brighton and convey Amy and her friend there. And Mott, you may just pack up your clothes and go with me. You must remain with Amy to wait upon her for some months to come yet—in the meantime we must find some younger maid for Elva, and after that we'll see what's to be done." And Mrs. Rock went out to hasten her preparations.

After despatching a wagon loaded with all necessary provisions and many comforts and luxuries for Beach Cottage, Mrs. Rock attended by Mrs. Mott went to town.

Good Mrs. Rock had never been thoroughly provoked before this. She rode on feeling a new, strange repulsion toward her old invalid husband. Old Mott, excessively social and loquacious, like all her race, made several attempts to open a conversation, persevering until her mistress, speaking for the first time, said:

"Don't bother me, Mott."

And at this really unprecedented rebuff, the old ervant sank into a morring silence that continued the remainder of the ride through the wood.

Would.
When they reached the town and the little hotel, and were shown into the small shady parlor, Mrs. Rock found Amy and Clemence both present, and who ying more comfort and privacy than might have been expected.

Amy reclined upon a lounge, with a thin hand-kerchief laid over her face.

And Clemence sat, not too near, busily plying her needle. That was the first thing Mrs. Rock (CONTINUED ON PAGE 25.)

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## Comfort's League of Cousins

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(press purpose of fooling the boys. They all roposed to her, and she accepted the bunch, hey were all getting ready to come on and aim her, and then the dear old lady sent them er own truly picture, and gave each a lecture, hen they dropped dead and have been a dead the bunch ever since. Always beware of the an or woman who want to get a mate from distance. The man who cannot get a wife in his own section must either be so homely hat even a dog would turn from him in disgust. It women I know it is different. Thanks to ileving combinations of wealth which have put omen in the factory and thrown eligible men orkless on the street, men are more and more eluctant to undertake the responsibilities of matmony, feeling reasonably certain if they canot support themselves, they cannot support agreement in a recent issue, we had a fitter from a man in Arizona who sent our secretary an overworked nickel, which resembled a ornout pant's button, and asked her to obtain him a wife. Scores of women wrote our ecretary for this man's address—needless to say to did not give it, as that is not our business, low all of you take notice, no magazine that alues its reputation can act as a matrimonial gency. This line of business has always been uploited by sharks and blacklegs. Why, I don't now, for it seems to me under certain conditions, refeguarded by the state and in the hands of overnment officials, a matrimonial bureau might omfer a great benefit to the community, as some cople are so peculiarly constituted, that they are not the courage to declare their affections of chose in their own community. You must find our own mates and do your own love making, he letter which appears above is printed excity as received. I notice most of the men want to any, not to marry. Mary seems to be in great denand with the single men. Let me give you slim iris a pointer. Most of the impressionable men and tiris who weigh a hundred and sixty pounds or their mates. Quantity with them, seems to

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following poem by J. G. Holland: We have had this lovely picture

painting, to embellish Comfort's 1910 dalendar, nearly nine inches long by five and one half inches wide, which is by far the finest we have seen in years. The accompanying cut in black and white is far from doing justice to the beautiful colored calendar picture. You can't gaze on this life-like

then the picture so impresses you that it seems to speak and inspires you with an idea of the baby's

are a few such noted pictures, but they are rare. We have one, a delicate water color, painted to order, which most touchingly ex-presses the sweet sentiment of the



Ruby, yours is a charming little letter, exquisitely neat. I am glad Ruby that you are
fond of poetry, for if we took poetry out of life
there would be nothing left in it worth while.
Poetry expresses in a few words what it would
forece live in the glory of their poets. The

A Picture That Almost Speaks

Did you ever see a picture so expressive of a beautiful thought that it seems to speak? There
are a few such noted pictures, but

Bingen, Ark.

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Goat wishes me to inform you that he is writing
a book that is far more exciting entitled: "Ten
barrooms in one night." Billy the Goat thinks
that ten nights in one barroom might have done
of fifty years ago, but
way she had been a trapeze artist in a circus
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and when she hugged me, you could hear the
biscuits grating against one another in
stounch like a bunch of cobhiestones in a canvas
bag. When one is going through the hugging
process it is always best to be careful about
one's diet. I think Ruby you had better hug
me before I eat.

DEAD UNCES CHARLEE:

BINGEN, ARK.

one's diet. I think Ruby you had better hu me before I cat.

Dean Uncles Charle:

Here comes a cousis from the grand old state.

Arkansas. I will be thirteen years old the 28th this month. Am five feet three inches tall, we's one hundred and twenty pounds, fair complexion as freckle faced. We live on a farm now, but dive in town until a few years ago. I like it country much better than I do town. I have on brother and sister and one steptisher. How mes of you cousins like music? I do. I am taking now My teacher is a blind man, but he sure is a fit teacher. Well, school is the next important thim How many of you cousins like school? There is a transcher. Well, school is the next important thim I can go to school. I study the fifth and sixty grades. My teacher's name is Prof. Cax. and it next titing with me is dowers. I am a great live of them. I remain as ever, your loving nicee and consist in the state of mother and baby perfectly re-produced in a ten color lithograph, fully equal to the original exquisite

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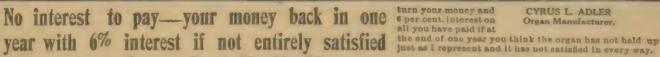
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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

## CHAPTER VI.



Y BY THE COLLAR, HE LIFTED HIM TO HIS FEET. . . . . "BE SHE DAID, GIV'ER ME! MINE LIDDLE SISTER!" HE CRIED PASSIONATELY.

some terrible twinge of pain.

Philip picked it up, and a look of astonishment leaped to his eyes as he saw what it was.—
a small chain purse of silver and between its meshes there were several glittering coins visible.

"Where did you get this?" the gentleman demanded.

The young heathen hung his head in sullen silence.

The young detricts of the purse into silence.

Philip emptied the contents of the purse into his hand. There were a small latch-key, two silver half dollars, three quar s besides some smaller change, and a card upon which was engraved Mrs. Leon Allen, No. — Beacon street.

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When they bore her from the room her brother frantically attempted to follow, but Philip placed the silver purse and its contents in a small box and mailed it without explanation to the adress given on the card would then allow him to go to her. The boy show we? he inquired after bearing his dark looks in silence for some time.

"Ya hi'' he said, with a flash of fire in his eyes but suddenly cringing as if from pain.

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nly.
"You never thought of that before, did you athan?" said Philip kindly. "You only thought us had to take care of her and it did not much atter how, so that she did not go hungry. Now, I will help you to a better way, will you promenever to steal again—for her sake as well as ur own?" your own?"
"How?" curtly demanded the boy with averted

ly consented to monor the occasion presence.

"You don't look very happy over it," Ted had laughingly observed as he noted his hesitation. "I suppose it is because Beth is with us. But I want you two to settle up that old grudge and be done with it."

"Well, you know that she ran away from me when I went to New Hampshire. It looks as if she doesn't care to make it up," said Philip thoughtfully.

capitally.

As Phillip stepped off the train at the York Harbor station late the next afternoon, some one rushed swiftly past him, and the next moment a joyous voice exclaimed just behind him, "Oh, Agnes, how glad I am you could come! Then your mother is really better. Was she willing to spare you?"

"Yes, mamma is doing nicely and would not hear a word about my giving up my visit. It is lovely of you, dearle, to come to meet me."

Somehow both voices sounded familiar to Philip, and, turning to get a look at the speakers, his heart bounded with a shock into his throat as he saw a tall, slender girl clad in a long Rajah traveling coat, and instantly recognized her as the younger of the two ladles whom he had seen in the Mercedes at the North Station in Boston a few weeks previous, while the other who had greeted her as "Agnes" was the little lady whom he had rescued from the lawless hands of the fierce young Jew, Nathan. She seemed even more lovely today than she did then, Phillp stood transfixed, a tremor of pleasurable excitement pervading him in view of this unexpected encounter.

Who could she be—this bright little fairy? Her tall friend had called her dearle, as before, the indefiniteness of which he mentally resented.

## CHAPTER VII.



# The Pretty Girls' Club

Conducted by Katherine Booth

Developing the Bust

Developing the Bust

A Good Bust Developer

Melt together five ounces of lanoline, one half it is only a favored few who are so endowed. The average woman is painfully deficient there and has to make a resolution to perfect the bust and thought and some money but I think the reward is worth striving for. It is just about time we took this subject up it is the advance spring styles seem to be made it is worth striving for. It is just about time we took this subject up is the advance spring styles seem to be made it is worth striving for. It is just about time we took this subject up is the advance spring styles seem to be made it is worth striving for. The thirty stripe is the advance spring styles seem to be made it is worth striving for. The thirty stripe is the advance spring styles seem to be made it is worth striving for. The thirty stripe is the advance spring styles seem to be made it is worth striving for. The thirty stripe is the stripe is the advance spring styles seem to be made it is to make a stripe in the stripe is the advance spring styles seem to be made it is to make a stripe in the stripe in the stripe is the stripe in the stripe is the stripe in the stripe

MASSAGE BUST WITH COCOA BUTTER.

bust ed woman massage bust with cocoa must indulge in Butter.

Chocolate and cocoa preparations. Puddings and ice-cream. Cereals, sugar and all kinds of custards and soups.

Of course my beauty patients must get as much fresh air into their lungs as possible, in addition to walks out of doors. Suppose you try throwing open your bedroom windows at night. You will wake up in the morning feeling like a different woman and your lungs will begin to develop amazingly. This all helps to increase the bust measurement.

The first thing to do in this special beauty work is to learn to breathe correctly. Of course I know you breathe, but very probably it is only from the top of the lungs and the woman who possesses a full bust is one who uses every bit of her lungs. You must learn to breathe way down to the tips of your dainty feet before you can truly say you are a deep breather.

If you only knew what a pretty chest deep breathing would give you I am sure you would be just wild to practice the exercises.

Let us go through this exercise now and become breath-perfect in it.

secome breath-perfect in it.

Bust Development Exercise

Stand as relaxed as possible, with your arms anging loosely at side. Hold your head erect, e chest up and out and the abdomen is distended. Continue to breathe till the lungs are full as full can be. Hold so breath for a few seconds and then exhale tough the nose lowering first the chest (which to be time to take this agoing to be to take this agoing to be to take this agoing to be to the total and the sador-like the total the till be to take this agoing to the take this agoing the take this take the take this take this take this take the take thi

rmal position) and then contracting the abdominate process of the best time to take this exercise is just being going to bed at night and just after arise going to bed at night and just after arise in the morning. The practice time should be up ten minutes.

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The practice it frequently during the day until this more of breathing becomes natural to you. If of up for two months you will notice a most will not up for two months you will notice a most will not up for two months you will notice a most will not up for two months you will not the should and the property of the stretch the arms out straight from the shoulds and clench the fists, making the muscles and holding them it to side, harden muscles, and holding them it by the process of the same of the way, the clower that the process and holding them it was an and behind the back. You will notice improvement in neck and chest conditions into the first and treatment for the bust is outlined.

reatment for the bust is outlined hope all my thin girlies will make

A local treatment for the bust is outlined below and I hope all my thin girlies will make it their own.

Every morning wash the bust in hot, soany water until the flesh is tinted red, which means that the pores are open and ready to absorb nourishment. Now before the skin has time to cool, massage in warm eccoa butter. As this butter comes in hard cakes you will probably have to hold it over a hot lamp or stove to soften it. As soon as the bust is thoroughly coated with the butter begin to massage.

Rub gently with the finger-tips using circular upward movements. Continue this manipulation for fully ten minutes. Bear in mind that the bust must never be massaged in a downward direction as this tends to make the breasts sag and that is what we particularly want to avoid. Finish this treatment by dashing quantities of cold water over neck and chest as this will stimulate the circulation of the blood and firm the flesh. Never forget the cold water douche as it is invaluable.

At night go through the same treatment again as a deficient bust needs a great deal of encouragement.

The developement may be slow at first but do hot be discouraged. Remember that "Rome wasn't built in a day."

It is well, while treating the bust, to take during each meal several glasses of rich milk as this is known to be a marvellous bust developer.

After each meal take two soupspoonfuls of Dr. Vancaire's Bust Tonic which is prepared by all drusgists and has given many a woman the full chest she longed for.

## A Good Bust Developer

Brown-eyed Baby, Miss May.—I sympathize with you. Perhaps this cintment will fade out your red nose. Twenty grains Tannic acid to one ounce of glycerine. Apply night and morning.

Mrs. M. H. N.—Evidently something is very much the matter with your nose. I would not like to advise. Better consult a doctor immediately.

Hazel.—I should imagine you were very pretty indeed. Massage your bony nose with skin food for twenty minutes every day. Press very lightly as heavy pressure reduces the flesh. You can obtain pretty eyes by being careful of them. Do not tire them.

Old Schealber for the standard of them and the standard of them are not a horse-radish lotion. Scrain them.

Old Subscriber.—See reply to Brown-eyed Baby.

L. N.—I wish you would try the hot water as I have great faith in it. No, the remedies would not make you lose flesh. You may have constipation, in which case, take one pill every night of this laxative: Extract of dandelion, one dram; powdered rhubarb, q. s. Divide into three one half grain pills. It is best to massage the bust while taking the Vaucaire Remedy. Miss Jessle.—Yes, drink as much milk as you want. The Vaucaire Remedy is generally of a brown color. The usual price is eighty cents a bottle and you will probably need six bottles. Yes, the Milk Diet is a cure for rheumatism. Also, my dear, it is a wonderful bust developer. Your sister should wear a long-waisted, long-hipped corset. See reply to V. H., Ill-inois.

'V. J. B.—If the Beauty Bags leave your cheeks 'kind of scaly'', it means you haven't rinsed the milky substance off. The Vaucaire Remedy should be taken for about two months. It should then be discontinued.

Miss A. C .- I do not think you can get the galega separately.

separately.

W. S. B.—The price is eighty cents a bottle.

Miss Minnie, Birdy, Lily Rose, Brown Eyes, Ethel,
N. Car. and others.—Here is a freckle lotton: Lactic
acid, four ounces; glycerine, two ounces; rose water,
one ounce; apply several times daily. If this does
not prove strong enough write in again.

To remove a wart buy a small stick of caustic at
your drug store. Dampen it and rub on wart. You
may have to do this twice, In about a week the
wart will have disappeared.

Henry's Darling.—See reply to Miss Minnie. To

for this or Denver.

Nannie.—I do not answer letters personally, nor can I give addresses in these columns. The electric needle removes superfluous hair safely and permanently and is not expensive.

Mrs. M. M.—I do not remember giving you the formula you enclose, or it has been changed. Kindly see reply to Miss Minnie.

Sweet Gum.—This powder will prevent excessive perspiration: Oleate of zinc, one dram; powdered starch, one ounce; salicylic acid, one third dram.

Dust this over affected parts. Wash under the arms with this: One ounce hydrate of chloral to one pint of water to banish the odor.

I. A. B.—I sympathize with you in your tranhic.



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and one of the guests in imminent danger from the locality of his room, and his own nervous fear which made him powerless to act, another guest braved fearlessly the hissing flame, and scaling the tottering wall, dragged out one who, until that hour, was to him an utter stranger. Pushing back his snowy hair, Grandfather Markham showed upon his temple a long, white scar, obtained the night when he periled his own life to save that of another. There was a doubly warm pressure now of the old man's hand, as Guy replied, "I've heard that story from father himself, but the name of his preserver had escaped me. Why didn't you tell me who you were?"

"I thought 'twould look too much like begging, and I s'pose I felt too proud. Pride is my besetting sin was pride, and as he marked the cheaping of his attire, his pantaloons faded and short, his coat worn threadhare and shabby, his shoes both patched at the toes, his cotton shirt minus a bosom, and then thought of the humble cottage, with its few rocky acres, he wondered of what he could be proud.

Meantime, for Maddy, Dr. Holbrook had prescribed perfect quiet, bidding them darken again the window from which the shade had been removed, and ordering all save the grandmother to leave the room and let the patient sleep, if possible. Even Jessie was not permitted to stay, though Maddy clung to her as to a dear friend. In a few whispered words Jessie had told her name, saying she came from Aikenside, and that her brother Guy was there, too, outdoors in the carris , "He heard how sick you were at Devonshire, this morning, and drove right home for me to come and see you. I told him of you that day in the office, and that's why he brought me, I guess. You'll like Guy, I know all the girls do—he's so good." Unable as yet to comprehend the entire meaning of all she heard. Maddy was conscious of a thrill of pride in knowing that Guy Remington, from Aikenside, was interested in her and had brought his sister to see her. Winding her f

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it by many signs. But watch the signs closer some young men are great deceivers and can say ble sweet things without meaning them.

## "My Lady Beth"

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and a half sheepish glance at his friend, he the room, whereupon Teddy grinned with et delight in view of the success (?) of his

Beth smiled affably, even though she barely rested a startled exclamation on beholding m. "I am Miss Russell," she replied with "You!"

rtesy.

Ou—are—My Lady Beth," state in incredulously, while he stared benent at her, for the vision of low. him was none other than the land rescued from the "hand of a few weeks previous, and wh seen at the station that afternoon ave of scarlet surged up over Bet face at the sound of that old famil a certain strange new tone vibration.

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'Your peace," interposed Beth in a startled

when the young fellow is in love with you, you will be seen the youngs. But watch the sine when closed in the young for some occurs of the without occurring them.

But have thems the without occurring them. The watch the sine will be seen to for your parents. When you are twenty-one if they will be some white will be seen the young enough to wait a fittle wille and try to gain the consent of your parents. When you are twenty-one if they will be the watch the will be seen to for your parents. When you are twenty-one if they will be the warry him and make your own home and happiness.

Carlotta, Honea Path, S. C.—I don't think you did very wrong in sending your photograph, first, though you might have waited till you got his. (2) If the man did not answer your questions, he was parleying with you. If they are important, insist upon his answering them. (8) Catholies are just like there people—when they are good they are good, and when they are bad.

Brown-eyed Girl, Lusembourg, wis.—I think he cares some for you, but don't you think any more of him any out of of other young wis.—I think he cares some for you, but don't you think any more of him any out of of other young men, and don't write the him unless he writes to you.

Purple Panay, Ft. Gaines, Ga.—Send him the Remembrance' card and see if you get an answer! You don't, then forget him.

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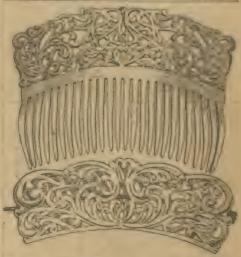
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Anxious Girl, Willmar, Minn.—Etiquette does not seem to provide rules for courtship that will run smoothly and you must make them for yourself. An excellent one that may be relied upon is this: If you have a sweetheart who causes you worry of mind, he will cause you ten times as much when he is your husband, and you should not marry that kind of a man if you want to be happy when married.

Evergreen, Mnnton, Minn.—The holding of the informal reception to the young men in the barn, even though unexpected, was quite correct—indeed it was almost swagger, as they say in near-society circles. (2) Fublic dances in country places are very different from those in the city, as a rule, and are quite permissible if among those of your own set to a large extent. You must be your own judge in many instances of what are called public dances, or other social affairs not wholly exclusive. (3) Quite improper for a young man to put his arra around a girl when out driving, but he will nearly always be improper. The girl who objects to it should not go driving with that kind.

Brown Ryes, Farmington, III.—When your hostess tells you she is glud you called, can't you make a guess at what you should say? Try it. Anyway you wouldn't tell her you didn't care whether she was or not, would yon? Sacially the thing always is to say something pleasant. Of course, you should tell the young man you enjoyed the show, or at least—If it were not a good show—that you appreciated his courtesy in taking you. (2) The young man who never takes you anywhere except walking, is probably saving money for a rainy day. Either that, or he thinks it too much trouble to go after you and take you home. Maybe he can't afford to take you anywhere.

Rosebud, Bronton, Ky.—An engaged girl should not be writing letters to other men unless with the knowledge and consent of the man she expects to marry. At the same time, when he goes away for a long time, or even a short time it is his duty to write to her. It should be his pleasure as well, and if he does not, he does not care for her as he should.

Dullas Girl, Dullas, Texas.—Girls of thirteen years may go to lee-cream suppers with their parents, or the parties with an older person to look after them. Girls should not receive the general attention of young men until they have finished school.

Rosebud, Nashville, Tenn.—Rules of etiquette do not apply rigorously always, and either the lady or the man may offer to shake hards at parting. A Southern girl shouldn't have to ask a question like that. Neither should she ask if it is proper to ask a man to call on her. (2) Eighteen is too young to marry, but lots of girls haven't any better sense than to do it. They are learning better gradually.

Troubled One. Paris, Texus.—As you were all friends it was not improper for you to go with the others to the young man's house to dinner after church. Nor would it have been so for you to have gone to see him when he was III, even though you, were only friends. Friendship is not controlled by the

Fattle, Sherman, Texas.—Sorry, Fattle, but when a fellow has a "bust up" with a girl he has to take any sort of treatment she wants to hand out to him. If she owes you money and keeps the presents besides, you might get them back by law, but you can't by ethouette, even in Texas.

Wonder, Otis, Idaho.—Etiquette is merely the code of social laws adopted by any community for its guidance. It all the girls ride double in your community that makes the manners of the community, and is the law. Some communities would be horribly scandulized to see a lady on horseback behind a gentlement and, of course, the Otis custom would shock them. As it does not show the otic papels it is correct for them. We may say, however, that that

Daddy's Girl, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.—A brother is usually second fiddle when the other chaps come around, and he is not averse to letting his sister go home with someone else from a dance. Still, a sister should not let the other fellows wait till her brother took her to places and then put is to take her home. A brother has some rights and he should not be imposed upon. (2) Unless you have met the stranger he should not ask you to dance with him. Among ladies and gentlemen introductions are necessary in a ballroom.

George Herman, Seymour, Mo.—Living in Missouri as you do, you will have to be shown. Come East where good social usage has its source and you will see how things are done comme il faut. The haut ton of your town are not au courant of the St. Germaine manner if you are a sample. Were you raised in the Faubourgs?

C. H. A., Zenda, Kans.—You don't have to ask a lady to keep company with you. If she were a lady of any quality she wouldn't have a man around who asked her if he might be around. The proper way is to pay her frequent and many attentions, more than anyhody else, and if she likes you, you will soon find that you are keeping company with her to the exclusion of everybody else, without ever asking if you might. See!

Pansy, Sturgeon, Wis.—It depends on the young man whether it is proper to stop keeping company with him after having done so for several years. You should know by that time whether he is the right sort or not.

Red Wing. Lancaster, Wis.—See answer above to Wonder," and do as other people do in your community. iither that or move to some place where different cusmus prevail.

Hoosier Girl, Crothersville, Ind.—There's no harm n sending a post card to an old friend. There's ver so much more harm is your being a high school it'l and writing: "I done it." Education comes be-

hould contain about three or four note pages of wellritten, properly spelled, punctuated and expressed
unguage conveying to her anything of sufficient interst to warrant a reply. Most girls don't get that
ind of letters, and still reply to them, but that does
of affect our answer to your question. (2) Generally
oung men callers don't take the trouble to notify the
irls that they want to call, or will call, but in these
elephone days it is better to "make a date." (3) It
s not necessary to go into the house after taking
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from church merely as friends who attend the samplace of worship, or casually meeting at the church or in its vicinity, the man need not walk furthe with the lady than his own home or the street or which he lives. He may leave her in this way will perfect good manners. Of course if it is agreeable to both, he may walk on to her home with her, as in very frequently done.

Blue Eyes, North Jackson, O.—Thank your escort, by telling him how nice it was of him to bring you home. (2) Sult yourselves about which one's arm should be taken. (3) Tell your bashful beau that it is wretchedly bad manners not to show you any attention in company, and that if he can't do better you won't have anything more to do with him.

Troubled Friend, Gulfport, Miss.—The law in Text does not probibly the marriage of first cousins, as should, and these cousins may marry if they wish I some states, however, such a marriage is pronounce by law to be incestuous and void. It seems to unside from any natural and instinctive laws agains such a marriage, that people would not wish to marriances their marriage were universally recognized a proper.

deginner, New York, N. Y.—Street car manners are generally so extremely bad that people even pay each other's fares when they have no right to. There is nothing to be done but to submit to it. If you want to break the young man of the habit, always have a crowd of girls with you when you meet him on the car and make him pay for the bunch. One of two treatments of this sort will cure him.

Sweet Sixteen, Beresford, S. Dak.—A girl may send lim a post card if she wants to, even though he has not sent one to her. (2) You may dance with your escort as often as you please, and the other young men have no recourse except not to ask you when you want to dance with them. (3) Is she doesn't like the kissing size will "put him off her mind" when he tries it whether it is etimette or not, which it isn't.

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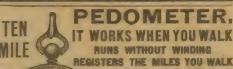
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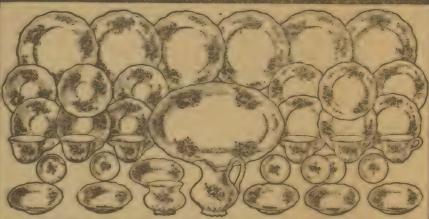
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## An Unwilling Bride

Or, The Heart's Rebellion

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14.)

of that I can send her, my dear?" asked Mrs. Rock.

"Yes. Mrs. Rock, if you will be so good. You know that she cannot stay up in that room every day, and all day long, as well as all night, neither can she sit up down here—"

"I see—she needs a couch an. a lounging-chair for this room, and she shall have them. I will send them over tomorrow. Is there anything else?"

"No, nothing."

The floor was covered with the unladen contents of the two baggage wagons. And Clemence was already busy arranging them in the cupboard or under the shelves.

Mrs. Rock looked as if she wished to assist, but she was unaccustomed to the use of her hands, and she could only call the coachman from the horses and Mott from the cart to come in and assist in clearing the room and packing away the provisions.

least three times a week.

Mrs. Rock reached Elmslea about sunset, little
thinking of the furious storm that was to meet
her there. As she alighted from the carriage,
one of her favorite housemaids came out with a
frightened countenance and drawing her aside,
whichever.

one of her favorite housemalds came out with a frightened countenance and drawing her aside, whispercd:

"Please, missus, go up to your room, afd I'll tell master you've got a very bad headache."

"And why should I do that?"

"Indeed, ma'am, master's dangerous! And I wouldn't wonder at anything he'd do! Please don't go near him! He's awful!"

"So much the more reason for my going to him. He has bottled up wrath against my return. He will let it off and get rid of it as soon as I appear," thought Mrs. Rock, as she passed into the house, and sought at once the presence of the angry man. She found him stamping up and down the hail—alone—he had frightened every living creature from his presence. Mrs. Lambert was cowering in her chamber, Elva was off into the woods, and the servants all huddling together in the kitchen. And the captain strode up and down the hall, in the solitary majesty of his own demoniacal passion. In his best moods he was unfortunately very ugly, but now he was hideous. As soon as his wife appeared, the storm burst upon her devoted head. The Captain had learned all that his wife had been doing for Amy—and now he poured out his wrath, without measure; infamous charges, degrading epithets, and brutal and violent threats were hurled at and showered upon the good woman. He called her an artful, designing wretch; a deceiver, a household traitress—nay, he did not seruple many times to call her a thief—accusing her of purloining and appropriating property to which she had no right. And since he could not prosecute her as he would any other malefactor, he should use his own authority and

have you to say? Why "Because

And twee the newer face and arose and care

"And dear, how fast your fingors do Gy—perhaps that is what keeps them so fresh and one

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## An Unwilling Bride Or, The Heart's Rebellion

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 25.)

looked really pitiable. Mrs. Rock proceeded

the wind caprices, because they did not in have submitted improperly even then perhut I had as I still have a very strong ichment for you. Now, however, to use the got to the length of your cable, you can further at all, without cutting loose, break the me. What I have done for Amy has been at my own expense. I should scorn mind you, were it not necessary to the have was a per it not necessary.

ingry! You speak from ex-stuttered the confounded and

se. And when nothing could move his melan-oly she would break out in something like e following strain of flattery and consolation: "Never you mind, Uncle Harry, s'pose you were ughty, you've got the same right to be naughty it other people have, I s'pose, so don't you feel it cut up about it."

But I've not been naughty, Elf," would be captain's answer, almost meekly; "I only nted justice—what was in the bond, you

ure as late: 10—00—00!" cooed Elva, pursing up her and raising her eyebrows, "is that it? Now

after this the fairy took it upon herself ign Mrs. Rock.

, auntle, just you tell me what you've oing to uncle to make him mope about a poor old turkey gobbler?"

s he?' said Mrs. Rock, absently.

s he? Anybody can see he does! He's

## **Comfort Sisters' Corner**

scallop, the blue points are at the lower point of the strings. The air keeps it on the move, and after the lump is lighted it looks like fireflies in the door. You cannot imagine what a pretty thing it is, and must see it to appreciate it.

Long may dear old COMFORT, women's favorite magazine, be published is the wish of Muss. H. A. SHADE, 1019 Maple St., East Des Moines, Iowa.

## Good Old Songs We All Love

By special request from many of our readers we print the words of a few songs and will continue to do so each month as space allows. We invite our readers to send in the words of popular old songs which they think would please our six millions of readers. In copying, give each line of poetry a line by itself, do not run it in, as though solid. Please write on one side of paper only.

Will someone please send the words of this song to Comfort, one verse of which is given.

See he kneels upon his coffin
Sure his death can do no good.

Spare him! hark! O. God, they've shot him,
See his bosom streams with blood.

See his bosom street.

CHORUS.

Farewell, Bird. Farewell forever,
Home or friends, you'll see no more,
But a braver heart ne'er perished,
On Lake Erie's distant shore.

MRS. ELIZA BRITTON.

Can any reader supply Henry Hall, Hill City, So. Dak., with the old song "Old Sod Shanty on the Plain," and the answer to it. Also the answer to the answer.

Miss Leon Tucker, Macon. R. D. 2, Ga., would like the recitation containing the first verse of "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," also other recitations either religious or humorous.

The following poems were sent in by Mrs. Lillian Lemmoin, whose letter, appearing this month expresses the doubt as to where she stands on Women's Rights.

## Women's Rights

- And the bears not a rose.

  If the husbands were but lovers,
  Who cared to pet and praise,
  There would be no fret in the trials met,
  In the frictions of the days.
  There would be no passionate yearning
  For a something in her heart,
  For the soul that strives in the restless wives,
  If the husbands did their part.

- If the men would practice justice
  If the making of the laws,
  Were straight and right—there would be no fight,
  No need of a "Woman's Cause."
  It is only that hearts are starving
  Behind life's prison bars,
  Who long for the gem God meant for them,
  Who are reaching for the stars.

- O, if men would but be tender
  And loving, they would find
  Love would rebound the whole world round,
  And lives be sweet and kind.
  There would be no talking of equal rights,
  No search in the skies above;
  For a woman's care is a larger share
  In the kingdom of man's love.

- A' right to love one truly
  And be loved back again;
  A right to share his fortunes
  Through sunlight and through rain;
  A right to be protected
  From life's most cruel blights
  By manly love and courage—
  Sure, these are woman's rights.

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They would not care for a larger share
Of work in the world to do.
If homes were a blessed refuge,
Where loving was at its best,
The better purt of a woman's heart
Would cling to its peace and rest.

There never yet was a woman

Who did not hunger alone
For the law damed and in mady pride
Who cherished her for his own;
Who would not give wealth and nower,
And the glittering things of life,
For love-jit eyes, for the priceless prize,
The crown of mother and wife.

## Missing Relatives and Friends

At the request of many readers we restored our popular Missing Relative department one year ago. Through this department, when previously appearing, we brought together many relatives and dear ones, and shall hepe for the same happy result in the future. If you are anxious to learn the whereabouts of any missing relatives or friends through COMFORT with its enormous number of readers, there is every reason to believe they can be located.

be located.

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rk. E. Snivey, Harbor Springs, Mich. whereabouts of three nephews, Joh William Henning, last heard of it lada; also Charles and John Hen

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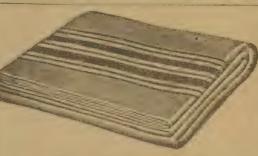


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WE ARE ABOUT TO PAY NOVEMBER PRIZES

The November prize competition closes November 30, and we shall pay the November prizes on the 8th day of December. You will see the names of the winners in January COMFORT.

FOR EACH AND EVERY MONTH of the six months beginning with NOVEMBER, 1909, and ENDING with APRIL, 1910, there is a SEPARATE and DISTINCT PRIZE competition for a separate and distinct list of MONTHLY CASH PRIZES to be paid at the end of each month.

THESE 863 SPECIAL, EXTRA, CASH PRIZES will be paid, in addition to club premiums, to those who send us subscriptions to COMFORT. Prizes come thick and fast every month for six months.

The competition for December, the second month, is just beginning.

ENTER NOW FOR DECEMBER MONTHLY PRIZES

1st Prize \$50.00 or \$100.00 3rd Prize \$10.00 or \$20.00 2nd Prize 25.00 or 50.00 4th Prize 5.00 or 10.00 30 Prizes \$1.00 or \$2.00 Each

The first prize goes to the one who sends in the largest number of subscriptions in the month of

December, the second prize is for the next largest number, and so on.

125 CONSOLATION PRIZES of \$1.00 each WILL BE PAID, 100 to WOMEN and 25 to CHILDREN

UNDER 15 years of age, who ENTER THIS DECEMBER COMPETITION and FAIL TO WIN a monthly prize.

December prize competition opens on the first day of December and closes at midnight of the last day

of the same month, and the December prizes will be paid on the 8th day of January.

There will also be a separate subscription prize competition in each of the months of January, February, March and April, and each of these months we shall award and pay 34 monthly cash prizes to the 34 persons who, during the particular months for which the prizes are awarded, send us the largest numbers of yearly subscriptions. The following are the

JANUARY MONTHLY PRIZES

1st Prize \$50.00 to \$150.00 3rd Prize \$10.00 to \$30.00 2nd Prize 25.00 to 75.00 4th Prize 5.00 to 15.00 30 Prizes \$1.00 to \$3.00 Each

The monthly Prizes for February, March and April are the same as those for January, except that the first prize is \$50.00 to \$200.00 for February, \$50.00 to \$250.00 for March, and \$50.00 for April, as explained further on.

Each monthly contest (after November) opens on the first day of the month and ends at midnight of the last day of the same month. Subscriptions mailed on the last day of a month will be counted in on the contest for that month, provided the postmark on the envelope shows it. This gives an equal opportunity to everybody no matter how far off they live. The prizes for each month will be paid on the 8th day of the month following which is as early as we can count up and find out who the winners are.

GRAND PRIZES

To those who send us the largest number of yearly subscriptions between October 1, 1909, and midnight of April 30, 1910, we will pay the following grand prizes:

Capital Grand Prize, \$250.00 4th Grand Prize, \$40.00 2nd Grand Prize, 125.00 5th Grand Prize, 20.00 3rd Grand Prize, 65.00 6th Grand Prize, -10.00 28 Grand Prizes of \$5.00 each, \$140.00

The Capital grand Prize goes to the one who sends in the largest number of subscriptions between October 1, 1909, and the last day of next April, and the second prize is for the next largest number. and so on. These Grand Prizes come on top of the monthly cash prizes and regular club premiums, and therefore they are

## COMBINATION CUMULATIVE PRIZES

that a good kind of a combination by which TWICE TEN MAKES SEVENTY.

When you enter for the monthly prizes we also enter you for the Grand Prize Contest, and all the subscriptions which you send in any month count in the monthly prize contest of that month and also in the Grand Prize Contest. You can enter at any time in any of the six months and can drop out at any time, and we will pay you whatever monthly prize you win while you are in, and of the many prize one monthly prize one monthly prize one monthly prize on the clubs. You may will send you your regular club premiums, too, as fast as you send in the clubs. You may win a Grand Prize will send you your pregular club premiums, too, as fast as you send in the clubs. You may on top of them. As all the subscriptions in this contest count toward both sets of prizes, the GRAND PRIZE which made \$20.00 winning SIX \$1.00 MONTHLY PRIZES.



Miss Alice Winters Who Won \$350.00



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Letter and Photo from the 83.YEAR. OLD PRIZE WINNER

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Here is a photo of your eightythree-and-a-half-years-old servant with a crippled knee, who
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We shall pay 525 consolation prizes of \$1.00 each (including the 75 above mentioned for
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prizes will be awarded and paid by us for the five months, November to March, to such of the wom
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successful efforts. Remember, the monthly prizes are paid every month. The November prizes
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We shall keep a strict account of all subassintings and NO FAVOR CONDITIONS. The conditions of this contest are few and simple.



Mrs. Alice Warner Won Seven Prizes

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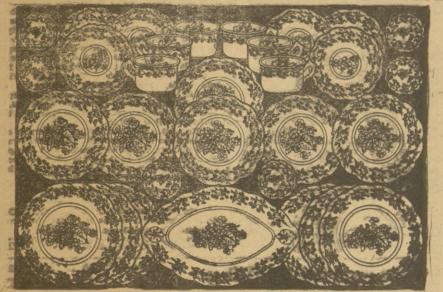
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If you did not enter for November prizes, be sure to enter now for a December prize; you stand stangood a chance to win a December prize, because it is a separate contest for December prizes.

If you entered the November competition, don't fail to keep right on trying your level best rough December, so to win a prize both months, because if you do win both months we pay you able your December prize as explained on opposite page.



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CONDITIONS TO ENTER FOR CHILDREN'S PRIZES

women and children, because of the 525 consolation prizes to be distributed among those who fail to win a monthly prize.

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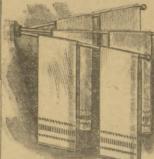
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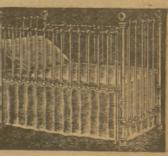
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